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Say's Phoebe
Feeding Data
E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest — in ft.

Date	elev	Loc	ground	rock	ann	bush	LATR	AGGR	sageb	Yuba	Yusc	YUBR	OPunt.	Jun	Pinyon Pine	Oak
13 Apr	4200	Wild Horse Cyn	0	200	.5	.5	—	200	—	—	10	—	30	—	—	—
			0	1	.5	1	—	1	—	—	50	—	20	—	—	—
14 Apr	4640	cedar Wash	0	300	.5	4	—	500	—	20	500	300	10	500	500	—
			0	1	.5	3	—	1	—	25	1	1	10	500	500	
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Eastern Kingbird

Tyrannus tyrannus

May 26 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif.: 1 on golf course; blackish upperparts, white underparts, and white band on tip of tail; watched for 10 minutes from as close as 20 ft.

Sep. 10 Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co., Calif.: 1 19th St. ditch

Sep. 12 Tijuana River Valley: 1 (same bird)

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Tropical Kingbird
Tyrannus melancholicus

Sep. 25 Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co., Calif. : 2 at 19th St. ditch where found yesterday. At one point we had Tropical, Western, and Cassin's all in same Nicotiana bush.

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Cassin's Kingbird

Tyrannus vociferans

May 17 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 2 at Cut Spring on Cima Dome in Joshua Tree woodland next to grove of cottonwoods - constructing nest 12' up in Joshua Tree. First positive evidence of breeding in the area.

May 23 Lida, Esmeralda Co., Nevada: 1 at Loughlin Ranch -

May 29 Lida Pass, Esmeralda Co.: 2 at separate locations in pinyon-juniper

June 13 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif.: 1 - rare locally.

July 21 E. Mojave: Nest / 4 yg 12' up in Joshua Tree in Caruthers Cyn at 5560 ft.

Aug. 21 Salton Sea, Imperial Co. Calif: 1 at a ranch house w. of Niland where it had been found the previous week - extremely rare bird in Imperial Co.

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Wied's Crested Flycatcher

Myiarchus tyrannulus

June 5 Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co., Calif. - 1 pair in riparian woodland. Call noit is a loud "poit?" whistle, like a loud, clear emphatic Phainopepla., Other notes are similar to but distinguishable from Ash-throated Flycatcher calls.

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Olivaceous Flycatcher

Myiarchus tuberculifer

Apr. 1 Monterey area, Monterey Co., Calif. : 1 300 yds. downstream in Carmel River bed from Hwy 1 - same spot as on 25 Dec. 1975 - successfully wintered. Located by its mournful, downslurred whistle, which sounds much further away than it really is. The bird stayed under 25' and in dense foliage.

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Eastern Phoebe

Sayornis phoebe

Feb. 16 Santee Lakes, San Diego Co. Calif: 1. Found here in January. Upperparts dark brown, especially face, contrasting with whitish underparts; no wingbars; dark on sides of breast, almost meeting in center of breast; belly very faintly tinged yellow; wagging tail; call very similar to that of S. nigricans, but softer and slightly lower-pitched "pheee" - would probably be passed off as coming from nigricans under most circumstances.

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Black Phoebe

Sayornis nigricans

Mar. 23 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif. : 2 singing and displaying in yard in Kelso - very scarce on high desert

Mar. 24 E. Mojave : 2 - same spot

Mar. 25 E. Mojave : 2 "

Baker, San Bernadino Co. Calif : 1 at pond next to Royal Hawaiian Motel

Mar. 26 E. Mojave : 1 Kelso

Cadiz, San Bernadino Co. Calif : 2 at McConnell's house.

Apr. 6 Cadiz : 1

Apr. 8 E. Mojave : 1 Kelso ; 1 Dripping Spg (e. side Granites)

Apr. 11 Cadiz : 1

Apr. 13 Essex, San Bernardino Co. : 1

Apr. 14 ~~Kels~~ E. Mojave : 1 Kelso.

Apr. 15 E. Mojave : 1 Kelso

Apr. 21 E. Mojave : 1 carrying nest material at Ft. Piute in riparian woodland.

July 22 E. Mojave : 1 imm (buffy wingbars, pale gape) with 2 ads. at Ft. Piute

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Hammond's Flycatcher

Empidonax hammondi

Apr. 9 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 13 at Ft. Piute. Common call note is a high-pitched call, open-ended, somewhat between that of a Pygmy Nuthatch and of a Black Phoebe. These birds appear short-tailed and perch very upright; they do lots of wing and tail flicking synchronously.; the faces are very gray, the occiput somewhat darker; the breast is also very grayish and the throat is paler and contrasting; the paleness of the belly often extends up into the center of the breast, bordered by gray sides; the bill looks short and dark; the head usually appears slightly crested. I heard no "whit" notes from these birds. First arrivals of spring. Some have pale lower mandibles, but many have bills which look all dark.

July 28 E. Mojave: 1 at 5920 ft. in Live Oak Cyn – extremely early migrant – very dark brownish-gray overall, large headed appearance with large white eyerings, constant synchronous wing and tail flicking., lower mandible dark.

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Gray Flycatcher

Empidonax wrightii

Apr. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif. : 1 Salton Sea NWR Hdqts. — pale gray, flicking tail downwards first. Very rare in Imperial Valley.

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Western Flycatcher
Empidonax difficilis

June 5 Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co., Calif. : 1 - late migrant

June 6 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 - Finney Lalle - late migrant

June 12 Clark Mountain, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 2 in white fir patch - not singing - late migrants or breeders?

June 13 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif : 1 - late migrant

July 21 East Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif. : 1 in oak thickets in Caruthers Cyn at 5640 ft. - early migrant

July 22 E. Mojave : 1 Ft. Piute - early migrant

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Coues' Flycatcher

Contopus pertinax

Feb. 9 San Diego area, San Diego Co., Calif: 1 at San Diego Zoo (of course not in a cage). Jon Dunn and I were walking past the "Scandinavian Reindeer" when we both stopped to listen to a call which sounded like a Coues' Flycatcher. Jon immediately spotted the bird sitting on the uppermost branch of a small eucalyptus in the [redacted] enclosure, about 25' above the ground. We did not have binoculars but the bird was only 50' away or less, close enough to see the very pronounced peaked head, very uniform medium brown underparts, and overall size and shape — it was obvious that it was a Coues' Flycatcher and we were as confident of the ID as we would have been with a thorough study. The bird flew to a taller eucalyptus and was not seen further. The habitat was similar to that where the other wintering Coues' have been found in Calif — tall eucalyptus.

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Vermilion Flycatcher

Pyrocephalus rubinus

Jan. 24 Colo. River Valley, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 ♂ near Bard

Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 ♂ near Calipatria

Feb. 16 Santee Lakes, San Diego Co., Calif: 1 ♂

Mar. 27 Blythe, Riverside Co., Calif: 1 ♂ at Lost Lake

Apr. 10 Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 1 pr. (S) Covington Park

May 24 Deep Springs, Inyo Co., Calif: 1 ♂ - full adult plumage - very unusual this far north,

May 25 Deep Springs: 1 ♂ (same bird)

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Violet-green Swallow

Tachycineta thalassina

Feb. 3 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif: 1 flying NW over Piute Wash - spring migrant.

Mar. 4 E. Mojave: 2 at Kelso

July 30 E. Mojave: 1 very brown-backed immature was seen at Cowthers Cyn at 5640 ft where adults presumed to be local breeders were seen in May - assume this bird to have been hatched locally since it was at a breeding area and not a migrant oasis and I have seen no migrant Violet-greens so far. First

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Tree Swallow

Iridoprocne bicolor

Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif.: 1000 in one flock near Calipatria — migrants, since Jon Dunn said less than 50 were reported on the entire Salton Sea count.

Mar. 17 Davis Dam, Clark Co., Nev (and Ariz): huge concentration feeding low over the surface of the Colo. River — at least 100 every 50 yds for 3.5 miles below dam past Laughlin = 10-15,000.

Oct. 24 Union Reservoir, Weld Co. Colo.: 1 - very late

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Rough-winged Swallow

Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Jan. 24 Colo. River Valley, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 at Imperial Dam; apparently regular in winter here according to McCaskie

Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif.: 2 - regular in winter around Salton Sea

Feb. 5 Needles, San Bernadino Co., Calif: 10 over Colo. River at bridge to Bullhead City - also on Ariz. side. Migrants or wintering?

Mar. 23 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif: 1 Kelso - first arrival

July 19 E. Mojave: 2 Kelso - early fall migrants

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Bank Swallow

Riparia riparia

Apr. 14 East Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co. Calif. : 1 Kelso

Apr. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co. Calif : 1 nr. Wister

May 7 E. Mojave : 1 Kelso

May 26 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co. Calif : 1

Aug. 11 Año Nuevo St. Res., San Mateo Co. Calif : 1

Aug. 28 Furnace Creek Ranch : 15 - commonest swallow

Aug. 29 Furnace Creek Ranch : 2

Sep. 25 Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. Calif : 4

Sep. 26 Tijuana River Valley : 1

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Purple Martin

Progne subis

June 27 Palomar State Park, San Diego Co., Calif: 2

Sep. 25 Pt. Loma, San Diego Co, Calif: 3 on Pt. Loma - rare migrant on coast

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Scrub Jay

Aphelocoma coerulescens

Mar. 27 Blythe, Riverside Co., Calif: 1 at Lost Lake – very gray - interior race. Extremely unusual on Colo. River or anywhere in desert lowlands

Sep. 5 Monterey, Monterey Co., Calif.: 47 counted in one flock flying across river bed in single file.

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Common Crow

Corvus brachyrhynchos

Jan. 29 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co. Calif: 1 in cattle corral where it was seen regularly in December – extremely unusual in Calif. deserts.

Feb. 5 Havasu NWR, Mohave Co. Arizona: 16 s. of Bermuda City – status in Colo. River Valley?

July 30 E. Mojave: 1 in oak-pinyon-juniper woods adjacent to large open meadow in Caruthers Cyn at 5640 ft. There is only one previous record for the Region, and that (see Jan. 29) was at a much more logical time of year. The bird was consistently giving typical nasal "caw-caw-caw..." series and was smaller than raven and had square tail.

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Pinyon Jay
Feeding Data
E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest ___ in ft.

Date	elev	Loc	ground	rock	grass	bush	creos	catcla	sage	challg	gr yuc	tr yuc	Josh	Jun	Piny	Oak/M
11 Dec	4520	Globe Cyn	2	75	.5	.5	–	–	–	3	1	–	–	(B) 0	4	–
			6	40	2	2	–	–	–	12	13	–	–	(B) 0	10	–
			5	40	2	1	–	–	–	6	7	–	–	(B) 0	11	–
17 Dec		Old RR Grade	0	40	.5	1	–	75	–	5	1	40	2	–	–	–
			0	45	.5	1	–	75	–	6	3	40	5	–	–	–
28 Jan	4960	Watson Wash	0	400	1	.5	–	–	–	2	20	–	2	40	–	–
			0		.5	.5	–	–	–	5	10	–	10	75	–	–
			0		2	.5	–	–	–	10	2	–	30	100	–	–

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Mountain Chickadee

Parus gambeli

Feb. 17 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co. Calif : 1 in pinyon-juniper woodland in Midhills at 5560' with flock of Bushtits.

Feb. 16 Oceanside, San Diego Co, Calif : 1 at Buddy Park.

Feb. 19 E. Mojave : 2 in pinyon-juniper in north side Granite Mtns.

Mar. 24 E. Mojave : 2 " ← different location

Mar. 25 E. Mojave : 1 in scattered pinyon on s. side Granite Mtns. near Cove Spring

Apr. 28 E. Mojave : 2 (s) pinyon-juniper-oak above Keystone Cyn.

Oct. 10 Barr Lake, Adams Co., Colo. : 5 - sparse on plains

Oct. 15 Crow Valley Park, Weld Co., Colo. : 1 "

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Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Parus rufescens

Jan. 4 Santa Barbara area, Santa Barbara Co., Calif.: 1 in tall live oaks, Monterey cypress, and pines in cemetery next to Clark Bird Refuse where it had been for weeks. — probably farthest south record for Calif. — typical rufescens calls, red back, grayish-white sides (not northern race).

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1975–1976

Plain Titmouse
Feeding Data
E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest — in ft.

Date	elev	loc	ground	rock	grass	bush	creost	catclaw	sage	holly	gr yucca	tr yucca	Joch	Juni	Piny	oak
11 Dec	4520	Globe Cyn	1	35	.5	.5	–	–	–	4	1	–	–	0	15	–
			3	35	.5	.5	–	–	–	4	1	–	–	0	15	–
			2	40	.5	.5	–	–	–	5	.5	–	–	0	20	–
7 Dec Jan	5560	Midhills	0	500	.5	8	–	–	50	2	6	–	–	4	2	–
8 Jan			.5	+	.5	1	–	–	1	40	10	–	–	0(B)	6	–
			.5	+	1	2	–	–	5	60	1	–	–	0(B)	5	
			1	+	1	2	–	–	5	60	1	–	–	0(B)	4	–
			1	+	2	3	–	–	3	25	2	–	–	0	4	–
22 Jan			4	200	.5	1	–	–	10	40	5	–	–	0	15	–
			3	|	|	1	–	–	20	30	1	–	–	0(B)	20	–
			1	|	|	1	–	–	15	5	4	–	–	0	15	–
			2	|	|	1	–	–	15	5	4	–	–	0	15	–
			4	|	|	1	–	–	20	30	1	–	–	0	20	–
28 Jan	5480	Butcher Knife	6	4	|	3	–	–	400	500	10	–	–	0	4	–
18 Feb.	5600	Midhills	2	25	3	2	–	–	1	5	3	–	–	0	4	–
			0	10	.5	10	–	–	7	30	.5	–	–	0	4	–
			1	10	.5	10	–	–	5	30	1	–	–	0B	3	–
			2	20	1	5	–	–	8	30	5	–	–	1	0B	–
			6	2	2	3	–	–	10	50	3	–	–	0B	3	–
			5	25	2	4	–	–	20	50	8	–	–	0	4	–
			0	100	3	2	–	–	100	100	7	–	–	2	2	–
			0	75	5	.5	–	–	100	75	8	–	–	1	2	–
			0	50	1	2	–	–	100	40	10	–	–	1	4	–
			0	40	.5	1	–	–	100	30	10	–	–	1	1	–
	5560		2	50	1	2	–	–	3	20	5	–	–	0	4	–
	1		3	50	1	2	–	–	3	20	5	–	–	0	4	–

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Bushtit

Psaltriparus minimus

Jan. 7 Eastern Mohave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif.: 5 in a wash with Acacia and Chilopsis in a Coleogyne - Yucca schidigera - Juniperus area just north of Mescal Spring and south of Mountain Pass in Mescal Range at 4720' - unusual locality.

Feb. 21 Fairmount Park, Riverside Co., Calif.: All birds paired. Nest under construction (bulk completed) 35' up in mistletoe clump in a cottonwood.

Mar. 20 San Diego area, San Diego Co., Calif.: Nest / construction 12' up in willow tree in dense riparian at Mission Dam.

June 12 Clark Mountain San Bernardino Co.: 4 prs. in white fir area, one of which was feeding flying young.

July 30 E. Mojave: 1 bird in a flock of 20 had solid, sharply outlined black ear patches - a "Black-eared" Bushtit

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Bushtit

Feeding Date

E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest — in ft.

Date	elev	loc	ground	rock	grass	bush	creosote	catclaw	sage	gr yuc	tr yuc	Josh tree	Cholla	Junip	Pinyon	Oak
10 Dec	5240	Round Valley	3	15	–	3	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	0	–	–
			3	15	–	3	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	0	–	–
			1	15	–	3	–	–	0	2	–	–	–	2	–	–
			1	15	–	3	–	–	0	2	–	–	–	2	–	–
18 Dec	5480	Mid Hills	2	300	.5	20	–	–	1	1	–	–	–	0	5	–
			3	300	.5	5	–	–	25	1	–	–	–	5	0	–
7 Jan	5560		3	500	1	10	–	–	.5	15	–	–	100	0	60	–
8 Jan			1	+	.5	.5	–	–	5	.5	–	–	8	3	2	–
			1	+	.5	.5	–	–	3	.5	–	–	8	3	2	–
			3	+	.5	.5	–	–	4	.5	–	–	50	.5	0	–
			2	+	1	3	–	–	15	5	–	–	30	.5	0	–
			2	+	.5	4	–	–	.5	3	–	–	40	0	4	–
22 Jan			4			2	–	–	20	~~30~~ 1	–	–	30	8	0	–
			4			2	–	–	21	~~30~~ 2	–	–	30	9	0	–
			4			1	–	–	22	~~30~~ 2	–	–	30	10	0	–
17 Feb.	5560		3		2	7	–	–	7	1	–	–	20	0	5	–
			2		2	7	–	–	7	1	–	–	20	0	5	–
			2		2	2	–	–	1	6	–	–	5	5	0	–
			1		1	1	–	–	2	5	–	–	15	15	0	–
			1		.5	.5	–	–	10	10	–	–	25	1	0	–
			2		1	1	–	–	10	10	–	–	25	0	1	–
			1		1	5	–	–	5	3	–	–	35	6	0	–
			1		1	5	–	–	5	3	–	–	35	6	0	–
			.5		.5	1	–	–	0	~~3~~ 3	–	–	15	4	.5	–
			1		.5	1	–	–	0	3	–	–	15	4	.5	–
			.5		1	1	–	–	0	.5	–	–	20	.5	4	–
			.5		1	1	–	–	0	.5	–	–	20	.5	4	–
			2		1	.5	–	–	4	5	–	–	20	0	5	–
18 Feb	5600		.5	100	4	1	–	–	0	4	–	–	15	1	5	–
			.5		4	1	–	–	0	5	–	–	15	3	6	–
			.5		4	2	–	–	0	5	–	–	15	4	6	–
			2		5	1	–	–	1	7	–	–	15	0	8	–

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Feeding Data

E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest — in ft.

Date	Elev	Loc	ground	rock	grass	bush	creos	sage	catcla	gr yuc	tr. yuc	cholla	Joint	Pinyon	Oak	Joshua
16 Dec	3760	Hidden Hills Rd	1	500	.5	1	0	–	150	15	15	12	–	–	–	–
			1	500	.5	.5	0	–	150	15	2	1	–	–	–	–
14 Jan	1880	Piute Wash	1	–	15	8	30	–	0	–	300	–	–	–	–	–
			2	–	15	8	30	–	0	–	300	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	20	4	20	–	0	–	300	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	5	8	3	–	0	–	500	–	–	–	–	–
			2	–	6	8	5	–	0	–	500	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	1	2	0	–	4	–	300	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	1	4	5	–	0	–	500	–	–	–	–	–
15 Jan			2	–	3	3	6	–	0	–	300	–	–	–	–	–
			2	–	1	2	0	–	2	–	300	–	–	–	–	–
			2	–	4	2	0	–	5	–	400	–	–	–	–	–
			2	–	8	6	2	–	0	–	|	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	2	3	4	–	0	–	|	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	1	1	0	–	1	–	500	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	1	1	0	–	1	–	|	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	4	.5	.5	–	0	–	|	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	4	.5	.5	–	0	–	|	–	–	–	–	–
20 Jan	1840		3	–	4	4	20	–	0	–	300	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	3	5	20	–	0	–	|	–	–	–	–	–
			.5	–	5	4	0	–	5	–	|	–	–	–	–	–
3 Feb	1880		1	–	1	1	0	–	20	–	500	–	–	–	–	–
20 Feb	3200	Henry Spg	1	–	1	0 chrysoth.	12	–	1	–	400	30	–	–	–	50
			2	–	.5	1	15	–	0	–	|	30	–	–	–	50
			2	–	.5	1	0	–	15	–	|	75	–	–	–	100
1 –			3	–	.5	1	0	–	25	–	|	50	–	–	–	100

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Cactus Wren
Feeding Data
E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest — in ft.

Date	Elev.	Location	Ground	Rock	Grass	Bush	Cleosote	sage	gr yuc	tr yuc	Josh Tree	Chol'a	Jun	Pinyon	catclaw	oak
3 Dec	4350	Ox Ranch	2		.5	5			5		0	1			old leaves	
1	1	1	5		.5	10	10		x		0	40			old leaves	
4 Dec	4120	Wild Horse V	0		1	3			25			7				
12 Dec	3560	Mitchell Cvns	0	5	.5	.5	–	–	1	2	–	2	–	–		–
17 Dec		Hole-n-Wall	0	300	.5	2	–	–	1	10	–	3	–	–	70	–
1		1	0	300	1	.5	–	–	1	1	–	10	–	–	40	–
28 Jan	5720	Howe Spg	0	40	.5	.5	–	40	6	–	–	3	40	8	–	75
23 Dec.	4480	Cima	5	–	.5	.5	–	–	500	20	0	15	–	–	–	–
1	4640	Old RR Grade	0	–	2	4	–	–	100	~~5~~	20	12	–	–	–	–
1	1	1	0	–	3	2	–	–	10	–	15	20	–	–	–	–
6 Jan	5600	Caruthers	0	15	.5	.5	–	–	25	–	–	15	25	35	–	75
7 Jan	4640	Lanfair V	0	–	1	1	–	100	30	–	15	25	–	–	–	–
22 Jan	5160	Cedar Cyn	0	10	.5	1	–	–	~~15~~	~~5~~	500	3	75	75	–	–
29 Jan	4480	Cima	4	–	.5	1	–	–	~~25~~	–	0	10	–	–	–	–
19 Feb	4000	Cotton-wood V	0	100	.5	1	500	–	200	20	–	5	500	500	–	–
	4160		0	75	.5	1	–	–	100	10	–	10	400	400	–	–
	4200		1	20	.5	.5	–	–	100	0	–	3	15	100	–	100
4 Mar	4080		0	100	.5	.5	–	–	500	4		6	500	500	–	

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Bewick's Wren

Feeding Data
E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest ___ in ft.

Date	elev	Loc	ground	rock	grass	bush	creos	sage	catclaw	gr yuc	tr yuc	cholla	Jump	Pinyon	oak	Josh
10 Dec	4920	Live Oak Spg	2	100	1	1	–	–	–	2	–	3	200	500	–	0
1	1	1	3	100	1	1	–	–	–	2	–	3	200	500	–	0
18 Dec	5480	Mid Hills	2(air)	200	1	3	–	.5	–	3	–	15	2	15	–	200
14 Jan	1880	Pinyle Wash	0	–	5	1	0.5	–	20	–	300	–	–	–	–	–
3 Feb	|	|	1	–	3	1	2	–	0	–	|	–	–	–	–	–
1	|	|	0	–	4	5	3	–	1	–	|	–	–	–	–	–
|	|	|	.5	–	1	7	5	–	0	–	|	–	–	–	–	–
|	|	|	.5	–	2	3	2	–	0	–	500	–	–	–	–	–
|	|	|	1	–	5	5	1	–	0	–	|	–	–	–	–	–
|	|	|	1	–	20	6	20	–	0	–	|	–	–	–	–	–
|	|	|	.5	–	.5	.5	0	–	30	–	400	–	–	–	–	–
|	|	|	.5	–	.5	4	0	–	4	–	1	–	–	–	–	–
18 Feb	5560	Mid hills	5	500	1	5.	–	20	–	5	–	25	0[B]	1	–	–
19 Feb	4400	Granite Mtns	.5	2	.5	0 Perching	–	–	–	15	25	2	4	50	200	–
1	4400	1	.5	8	.5	1	–	–	–	10	12	4	0[B]	10	200	–
2 Dec.	2000	Pinyle Wash	.5	–	5	2	4	–	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1	1	1	0	–	10	3	10	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
3 Dec.	5640	Caruthers	.5	5	.5	4	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	5	0	–
1	1	1	0	8	4	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	10	8	1	–
5 Dec	5500	Mid hills	.5	100	.5	8	–	0	–	–	–	–	20	30	–	–
30 Dec.	4800	Mescal Spg.	.5	20	1	3	–	[illegible]	0	25	–	15	30	300	50	100
5 Dec	4600	Woodslash	.5	25	2	2	–	–	0	100	200	20	–	–	–	500
4 Mar	4480	Cima Dome	0	–	.5	.5	–	–	–	10	500	15	–	–	–	8
1	1	1	0	–	[illegible].5	0.5	–	–	–	20	|	30	–	–	–	15
17 Mar	4920	Bannock	.5	–	.5	.5	0	–	20	100	–	100	–	–	–	–

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Rock Wren

Feeding Data
E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest ___ in ft.

Date	Elev	Loc.	ground	>1m rock	grass	bush	creosote	catclaw	sage	gr yucca	tree yucca	Josh tree	cholla	Juniper	Pinyon
4 Dec	4950	Cedar Cyn.	0	3	.5	1		7		20			2		
|	|	|	0	5	1	2		8		20			2		
|	|	|	0	2	.5	.5		16		17			2		
16 Dec	2200	Willow Wash	0	15	.5	3	50	30	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
|	|	|	0	20	.5	.5	50	25	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
|	3760	Hidden Hlb Rd	0	500	.5	.5	.5	150	–	6	18	–	45	–	–
2 Dec.	3200	Piute Mtns	0	.5	.5	.5	10	–	–	–	5	–	8	–	–
|	|	|	0	.5	.5	1	15	–	–	–	10	–	5	–	–
5 Dec	4200	Woods Wash	.5	0	4	3	–	100	–	–	20	200	10	–	–
|	4060	Fords Dry Lake	0	.5	.5	4	25	500	–	–	500	–	100	–	–
9 Dec	3600	Cotton Hills	0	.5	5	15	50	100	–	–	50	–	50	–	–
10 Dec.	5240	Round Valley	4	0	10	20	–	–	30	40	–	–	60	100	500
31 Dec.	2800	Ft. Piute	0	1	.5	2	8	40	–	15	–	–	20	–	–
|	|	|	0	.5	.5	3	4	40	–	10	–	–	15	–	–
9 Jan	2600	|	0	15	.5	1	1	–	–	–	100	–	50	–	–
|	|	|	0	12	1	4	7	–	–	–	100	–	50	–	–
15 Jan	1880	Piute Wash	0	–	10	10	25	25	–	–	300	–	500	–	–
4 Feb	2800	Ft. Piute	0	.5	5	8	25	40	–	–	15	–	30	–	–
5 Feb	2600	Homer Mtn	0	5	.5	.5	10	–	–	–	50	–	100	–	–
|	|	|	0	10	2	5	10	–	–	–	50	–	100	–	–
|	|	|	0	2	.5	2	20	–	–	–	10	–	75	–	–

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House Wren

Troglodytes aedon

July 21 East Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif. : 2 in dense, brushy wash (Lycium andersoni - Prunus fasciculatum) at Bathtub Spg, 5800 ft — early fall migrants.

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Gray Catbird
Dumetella carolinensis

Sep. 25 Point Loma, San Diego Co., Calif: 1 in dense shrubbery in parking lot where it had been reported yesterday. Extremely rare in Calif. This bird was difficult to see but I had one very good look at it for ~ 2 secs. from 20 ft. and at least 3 looks at it in flight and another poor look at it perched. Black cap and black tail contrasting with uniform dark gray body plumage; contrasting chestnut vent; black eye and bill; ~~size of~~ slightly larger than Swainsons Thrush.

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Brown Thrasher — Toxostoma rufa

Feb. 29 Tucson area, Pima Co., Arizona : 1 seen in Sabino Canyon in some piles of branches and underbrush in a willow riparian area with adjacent running water, where it had been seen previously by others. — bright orange rufous upperparts, slightly grayer on face; iris yellow-orange; 2 white wingbars; white underparts conspicuously spotted blackish; medium length, very slightly decurved bill, all blackish; secretive and silent; long rufous-orange tail; fed on ground in the middle of undergrowth.

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Curve-billed Thrasher

Toxostoma curvirostre

Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 in run-down corral at entrance to Finney Lake – very gray-brown overall with darker spots on chest; very decurved bill; "whit-whit" call. Extremely rare in Calif – perhaps 4th record for state. The sequence of statements just before the actual sighting were amusing – the bird gave the sharp double-noted call and Jon Dunn and I ~~remarked~~ assumed that a Starling had given the call as an imitation. Jon said "That's interesting" and I said "I wonder where it learned that call?" and then "maybe here?". Guy said, "This is just the kind of place one would show up if it was found at the sea – they really like abandoned farmyards". Then Guy spotted it sitting up on a post in the corral.

Feb. 7 Salton Sea: 2 different birds at Finney Lake. The same bird as last weekend's was again at the corral, and another slightly darker individual was in the brush just S. of the camping area – beautiful views of both birds in open in excellent light. Both birds' eyes were an orange-yellow or gold – not red or pale yellow.

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Bendire's Thrasher

Toxostoma bendirei

Mar. 24 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif: 1 singing on telephone pole on Granite Pass near a wash in Acacia - Larrea - Yucca schidigera - Opuntia (cholla) habitat - no Joshua Trees - at 3520'. The song was constant and fluid with no guttural notes; this bird characteristically repeated three notes in a row, sometimes four. The pale iris was readily visible, but the streaks on breast were nearly invisible as was the pale base to lower mandible; white tail corners.

Mar. 25 E. Mojave: 1 feeding on wet lawn at Kelso RR station

Mar. 26 E. Mojave: 1 " . pair founding just starting nest construction about 2' up in Opuntia acanthocarpa in Joshua Tree woodland.

Apr. 8 E. Mojave: 1 in high, open area in Opuntia - Yucca baccata - 4760' - Lanfair Valley (western) no Joshua Trees.

Apr. 14 E. Mojave: 1 pr. nr. White Rock Spring. Sings from top of Joshua Tree. Pale base to lower mandible not visible from as close as 50'. Shows almost no spots this time of year. Plumage is a tan-brown. Iris looks yellow-orange. Song is more rapid and fluid than other Toxostomas, and repeated 3-4 notes in a row, each note 2-4 pated; no pauses between sequences. 1 singing in Cedar Wash in Joshua-Tree - Catclaw association. Shows buffy undertail, white tail corners in flight. Call, low "chuck"

Apr. 27 E. Mojave: 1 on Cima Dome; 1 in Round Valley in Juniper-Sagebrush.

July 21 E. Mojave: 2 in Mojave Yucca - creosote at 2320 ft. in Pinto Valley - not breeding habitat - Fall migrants or wanderers

July 22 E. Mojave: 2 in High Density Acacia wash in Lanfair Valley at 3440 ft - not breeding habitat - Fall migrants or wanderers.

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Crissal Thrasher

Toxostoma dorsale

Jan. 14 Eastern Mohave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif.: 2 Piute Wash, 1 Ft. Piute — call note: a rich, whistled "tcholee? - tcholee?"

Jan. 20 E. Mohave Desert: 1 giving a "pchip!" note.

Apr. 29 E. Mojave: 1 (s) in scrub oak thickets in pinyon-juniper canyon at 5600' in Caruthers Cyn. Song sounds very much like Mockingbird — not so guttural as Calif. Thrasher.

July 14 Salton Sea, Riverside Co., Calif: 1 — brush along Whitewater River.

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Crissal Thrasher

Feeding Data

E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest ___ in ft.

Date	Elev	Loc	ground	rock	grass	bush	creosote	Catclaw	sage	gr yucc	tr yucc	Josh tree	cholla	Juniper	P. pin
4 Dec	4110	Wild Horse V	0		.5	⊖1		.5		1			10		
14 Jan	1880	Pinto Wash	0	–	25	⊖.5	1	6	–	–	300	–	–	–	–
|	|	|	0	–	5	1	5	⊖1	–	–	|	–	–	–	–
|	|	|	0	–	4	0.5	1	3	–	–	|	–	–	–	–
|	|	|	0	–	5	1	10	⊖1	–	–	|	–	–	–	–
20 Jan	1840	|	0	–	1	2	.5	⊖.5	–	–	|	–	–	–	–
|	|	|	0	–	1	4	4	⊖1	–	–	|	–	–	–	–

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Le Conte's Thrasher

Toxostoma lecontei

Feb. 3 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif.: a pair in Piute Wash were associating closely and one bird was giving brief bursts of song. Call note, an inflected "foyt?"

Apr. 14 E. Mojave: 1 nest south of White Rock Spg at 4640 ft in open Joshua Tree woodland about 1/4 mile n. of a water tank. The nest contained 1 recently hatched young and 2 blue eggs, and was about one meter up in an Opuntia acanthocarpa.

Aug. 29 Indian Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif.: 1 - nr. northern limit of its range.

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Sage Thrasher

Oreoscoptes montanus

Jan. 14 Eastern Mohave Desert, San Bernadino Co. Calif. : 2 in Piute Wash (Acacia - Larrea - Chrysothamnus) - first seen so far in desert

Feb. 7 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif : 1 Finney Lake.

Mar. 3 E. Mojave : 1 in Ivanpah Valley, 24 in Piute Wash — migrants — 2 have been regular in Piute Wash up to 4 Feb. Call note is a low, harsh "cha", similar to call note of Red-winged Blackbird. 25 of this species is an extremely large number for a single day in Calif.

Mar. 5 E. Mojave : 2 nr. Piute Wash, 1 nr. Goffs - migrants

Mar. 15 E. Mojave : 5 at Sacramento Spg

Mar. 16 E. Mojave : 10 in Piute Valley and w. side Homer Mtn. One heard to give a slightly nasal "Wah" call, somewhat like a single note from a White-breasted Nuthatch but not so nasal.

Mar. 17 E. Mojave : 6 in Piute Valley area - 2 singing

Mar. 18 E. Mojave : 14 at various points in Lanfair Valley - they're everywhere.

Mar. 19 E. Mojave : 5 - Marl Mtns - Cima Dome
7 - Marl Mtns

Mar. 23 E. Mojave : 4 - Granite Pass

Mar. 24 E. Mojave :

Mar. 25 E. Mojave : 2 - s. side Granite Mtns

Apr. 7 E. Mojave : 6 Piute Wash - full song

Apr. 8 E. Mojave : 2 " "

Apr. 13 E. Mojave : 2 Wild Horse Cyn. - associating closely - paired?

Apr. 14 E. Mojave : 2 Cut Spring. " "

Aug. 29 Stovepipe Wells, Inyo Co., Calif : 1 - rare in Death Valley

Indian Ranch, Inyo Co. : 1

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Rufous-backed Robin
Turdus rufopalliatus

Jan. 17 Tucson Sewage Plant, Pima Co., Arizona: 1 in ornamental trees on sewage plant grounds where it has been seen for at least three weeks — bright rufous chest and back; conspicuous black streaks on white throat, rest of plumage mostly blue-gray.

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Hermit Thrush

Catharus guttatus

Mar. 4 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co. Calif. : 1 in Cottonwood Wash at base of north side of Granite Mtns in wash with trickling watr and lots of brush — possibly a wintering bird - probably too early for a migrant.

May 13 East. Mojave Desert : 1 at Bathtub Spring, 5800 ft., Pinto Valley — very late migrant.

May 20 E. Mojave : 1 Caruthers Cyn oak thicket, 5640 ft — very late.

Oct. 24 C.U. Campus, Boulder Co. Colo. : 1 — late.

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Eastern Bluebird

Sialia sialis

Oct. 19 Arikaree River, Yuma Co. Colo.: 6 seen in lone cottonwood and adjacent grassland S. of the river. Call notes were a rich "che-lee".

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Western Bluebird

Sialia mexicana

Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif : 8 at Finney Lake – extremely rare at Salton Sea

Feb. 7 Salton Sea : 7 at same spot at Finney Lake.

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Townsend's Solitaire
Myadestes townsendi

Jan. 13 Eastern Mohave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif: 1 at Klinefelter

Jan. 21 E. Mohave Desert: 2 Ft. Piute. The solitary, territorial (inter and intraspecifically) frugivores of three separate families (T. Solitaire, N. Mockingbird, Phainopepla) have white wing patches whereas the flocking species (Am. Robin, W. Bluebird, waxwings) lack them. — presumably the wing patches aid in agressive visual impact. The exception is the Hermit Thrush which is solitary and lacks wing patches; however it is not interspecifically territorial, but only intraspecifically.

Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 Finney Lake

Mar. 17 E. Mojave: 1 ne of Klinefelter in Dalea spinosa - Acacia greggii wash

Apr. 21 E. Mojave: 1 at Ft. Piute — riparian woodland.

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~~[illegible]~~ Phainopepla
Feeding Data
E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest ___ in Feet

Date	clev	Loc	ground	rock	grass gs	bush by	creos.	catcl	sage	cholla	Yucca b. Yub	Yucca sch. Yus	Josh	Jun	Pay	O
3 Feb	1880	Pinte Wash	1		1	4	5	0				500				
			3		6	8	6	0								
			2		.5	2	15	0								
			2		15	8	15	0								
			4		20	12	3	0								
			1		10	3	3	0								
			2		4	.5	7	0								
			3		10	2	3	0								
			3		6	5	1	0								
			2		x5	.5	.5	0								
			2		7	.5	.5	0								
			3		2	10	10	0								
			2		1	5	.5	0								
			1		.5	4	4	0								
			3		3	8	4	0				400				
			2		2	3	3	0								
			2		1	6	5	0								
			3		15	3	.5	0								
			3		10	5	2	0								
			1		3	.5	7	0								
			3		15	1	20	0								
			3		10	4	4	0				300				
			2		20	3	1	0								
			1		15	5	12	0								
			2		15	7	7	0								

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Mountain Bluebird

Sialia currucoides

May 16 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co, Calif: ♂ + ♀ at Cut Spring, 5120 ft, Cima Dome, in Joshua Tree woodland. This is an extremely late date for a migrant — this species is probably gone from wintering grounds by late March. I also saw 2♂ and 1♀ at this exact spot on 19 March. There is a 22 May 1936 record of a pair from Cedar Canyon.

July 21 E. Mojave: 10 (4♂, 4♀, 2 imm) — The splotchy-breasted imm atures were almost certainly hatched somewhere in the region — first positive evidence of local breeding and a significant extension of breeding range. One of the imms was still begging for food but was not being fed.

July 30 E. Mojave: 11 in same spot as on July 21, including at least 2 imm

Oct. 20 Two Buttes Res, Baca Co, Colo.: 75. Call notes were lower-pitched than those of W. Bluebird: "pshewew" and "chew"

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Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Polioptila caerulea

Apr. 21 East Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co. Calif: Pair constructing a nest about 8' up in a Salix at Ft. Piute at about 2880'.

July 20 E. Mojave: 1 Feeding fledgling Brown-headed Cowbird in an Stagecoach Spg in Chilopsis-Acacia Wash — First positive evidence of breeding in the Region.

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Black-tailed Gnatcatcher

Polioptila melanura

Feb. 3 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif: one of a pair foraging together in creosote in Pinto Wash was giving a low, harsh, buzzy "bzz-bzz-bzz" very similar to call given by Bewick's Wren

Mar. 3 E. Mojave: (usually 5 buzzes) pr. again in Pinto Wash - male was giving the buzzy call described above and another call I hadn't heard previously - three notes similar to Verdin call notes, followed by a more gnatcatcher-like nasal call "tsk-tsk-tsk-jnaaaa". Female nearby

July 14 Salton Sea, Riverside Co., Calif: 1 - brush along White water River

July 22 E. Mojave: 4 seen in High Density Acacia Wash in SE Lanfair Valley at 3440 ft - high elevation for this species but the habitat looks identical to that in Pinto Wash - tall, dense Acacias. Do they stay here in winter?

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Black-tailed Gnatcatcher
Feeding Data
E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest — in ft.

Date	Elev	Loc	ground	rock	grass	bush	creo	cateclaw	sage	Yucca b. Yuba	Yucca sch. Yusc	Josh	Cholla
Jan. 14	1880	Pinto Wash	3	–	25	.5 chrys.	1	0	–	–	500	–	–
Jan. 15			1	–	1	0	5	8	–	–	500	–	–
			2	–	1	4	15	0	–	–	500	–	–
			1	–	10	1	0	15	–	–	500	–	–
Feb. 3			.5	–	1	2	0	6	–	–	400		–
			2	–	2	3	0	2	–	–		–	–
			.5	–	.5	1	0	4	–	–		–	–
			2	–	10	8	0	6	–	–		–	–
		air	2	–	1	3	2	8	–	–		–	–
			1	–	1	1	0	15	–	–		–	–
			2	–	1	2	0	15	–	–		–	–
			1	–	.5	3	0	18	–	–		–	–
			.5	–	5	1	0	20	–	–		–	–
			1	–	5	1	0	7	–	–		–	–
			1	–	12	1	0	8	–	–			–
			1	–	15	4	4	0	–	–		–	–
			4	–	15	8	5	0	–	–			–
			4	–	15	8	5	0	–	–		–	–
			1	–	5	2	0	10	–	–		–	–
			.5	–	5	2	0	10	–	–		–	–
			2	–	10	7	7	0	–	–		–	–
			1	–	15	3	0	15	–	–		–	–
			.5	–	2	4	0	20	–	–		–	–
			1	–	7	3	0	15	–	–		–	–
			1	–	10	5	5	0	–	–		–	–
			2	–	10	7	7	0	–	–		–	–
			3	–	15	12	12	0	–	–		–	–

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Golden-crowned Kinglet
Regulus satrapa

Jan. 6 Eastern Mohave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif.: 3 (2♂,1♀) in scrub oak-pinyon in upper Carruthers Cyn at 5760' - way out of range - perhaps first record for NV Mtns.

Sep. 25 Point Loma, San Diego Co., Calif.: 1 in Monterey Cypress in residential area nr. Rosecroft Gardens seen and heard well - exceptionally early for a coastal migrant, especially this far south where it it's very rare any time of year.

Oct. 3 Tapia Park, Los Angeles Co., Calif: 2 in planted Incense Cedars.

Oct. 15 Crow Valley Park, Weld Co. Colo.: 1 - sparse migrant on plains

Oct. 16 Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. Colo.: 3 "

Oct. 17 Bonny Res, Yuma Co., Colo.: 1 "

Oct. 18 C.U. campus, Boulder Co., Colo.: 1

Bonny Res: 1

Oct. 19 Bonny Res: 8

Arikaree River, Yuma Co., Colo.: 2

Oct. 20 Two Buttes Res., Baca + Prowers Cos. Colo.: 5

Oct. 24 Boulder Creek, Boulder Co., Colo: 1

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Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Feeding Data
Distance to nearest — in ft.
E. Mojave Desert

Date	elev	loc	ground	rock	grass	bush	creosote	catclaw	sage	gr yuc	tr yuc	Josh	Junip	Pinyon	oak	Chrysl	cholla
10 Dec	5560	4th July Cyn	2	2	1	2	–	–	1	–	–	–	20	15	0	–	–
15 Jan	1880	Pinte Wash	1	–	2	3	4	0	–	–	400	–	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	1	10	.5	2	–	–	400	–	–	–	–	0	–
4 Feb			1	–	10	3	3	0	–	–	300	–	–	–	–	–	–
			2	–	10	3	3	0	–	–		–	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	2	4	3	0	–	–		–	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	1	5	1	0	–	–		–	–	–	–	–	–
			1	–	5	3	0	20	–	–		–	–	–	–	–	–
			.5	–	1	1	0	25	–	–		–	–	–	–	–	–
17 Feb	5560	Midhills	4	500	1	3	–	–	3	5	–	–	0	5	–	–	20
18 Feb			4	40	1	4	–	–	5	5	–	–	0	5	–	–	50
19 Feb	4400	Cottonwood Spg	4	.5	1	5	–	100	–	200	200	–	5	0	50		25
	4800		4	.5	1	2	–	500	–	20	500	–	50	0	10		500
			3	2	.5	1	–		–	10	500	–	50	0	30		
8 Jan	1240	Klinefelter	2	20	2	0	15	10	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–
2 Feb			1	30	2	0	20	5	–	–	–	–	–	–	–		–
~~19 Feb~~																	

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Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Regulus calendula

May 9 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 nr. Heise Spring - very late for so far south.

May 17 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif.: 1 at 6080 ft. in Quercus thicket in Keystone Canyon, N.Y. Mtns - extremely late.

May 18 E. Mojave: 1 - still present in Keystone.

May 20 E. Mojave: 1 - Caruthers Canyon oak thicket, 5640 ft. extremely late.

May 24 Beatty, Nye Co., Nevada: 1 - very late migrant.

Sep. 25 Point Loma, San Diego Co., Calif: 1 - first fall arr.

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Water Pipit
Anthus spinoletta

Feb. 2 Cadiz San Bernadino Co., Calif: 1 at gas station - strange time of year - migrant? (which direction?) - not seen previously here.

Mar. 18 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif: 1 Ford Dry Lake - first spring migrant.

May 15 E. Mojave: 1 in breeding plumage on Nelso RR station lawn - extremely late.

May 22 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif: 1 - extremely late

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Sprague's Pipit

Anthus spragueii

Feb. 28 San Rafael Valley, Pima Co. Ariz: 3 found in flat areas of grassland. Only one was seen well & studied for ~ 3 minutes from about 30 ft. Secretive on ground - hides in grass - crouches and runs through grass; bill pale; large eye with indistinct eye-ring; conspicuous back streaks and pale legs; flight extremely undulating - body almost at verticle angle on upbeat. The picture in Robbins et al. is totally innaccurate and misleading.

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Phainopepla

Phainopepla nitens

Jan. 20 Eastern Mohave Desert, San Bernadino Co. Calif. : 12 - three most common calls are (1) a plaintive whistle "whoit?" (2) a monotonic "chleep" (3) a harsh, nasal, scolding "chaaa", somewhat reminiscent of Clark's Nutcracker call.

Mar. 17 E. Mojave : 1 recently fledged juvenile seen in Piute Wash e. of Hinefelter — large, pale gape, dark iris, tail not full length.

Apr. 8 E. Mojave : 1 recently fledged juv. + 1 Nest/2yg. 6' up in Acacia greggii in Piute Wash

Apr. 9 E. Mojave : 16 at Ft. Piute - recent arrivals here, as they are only a scarce winter visitor. Nest/under construction 6' up in Prosopis.

Cadiz, San Bernardino Co. Calif : 1♂ - definitely a migrant at this locality

May 19 E. Mojave : 1 nest at Ft. Piute has 3 nestlings. One recently fledged young seen.

May 20 E. Mojave : 1 juvenile barely able to fly - Coyote Spg - 3200 ft - Granite Mtns.

July 22 E. Mojave : 0 at Ft. Piute - apparently leave area completely during summer.

Sep. 25 Point Loma, San Diego Co, Calif : 1♂ - migrant.

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Bohemian Waxwing
Bombycilla garrulus

Mar. 6 Honey Lake, Lassen Co. Calif. : 100 - mostly in orchards with fallen apples in Janesville. This is an invasion year in NE Calif - local residents have reported seeing thousands in the area.

Mar. 7 Honey Lake : 35 - Janesville + s. of Susanville on 395

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Loggerhead Shrike

Lanius ludovicianus

Jan. 8 Eastern Mohave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif.: 1 in Pinkwash was chasing a Sage Sparrow in flight, pursuing it just over the tops of the bushes from 6-12" behind the sparrow; the sparrow was veering and turning in every direction but the shrike stayed on track. They were within sight for ~ 30 secs. —outcome unknown. Strange it was that the sparrow did not just drop into thick brush where the shrike's pursuit would be impeded.

Mar. 16 E. Mojave: 1 giving a three-noted, bell-like "klee-klee-klee" persistently.

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Common Starling

Sturnus vulgaris

Jan. 6 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif.: 1 at Kelso imitated "teedle" call of Horned Lark in song.

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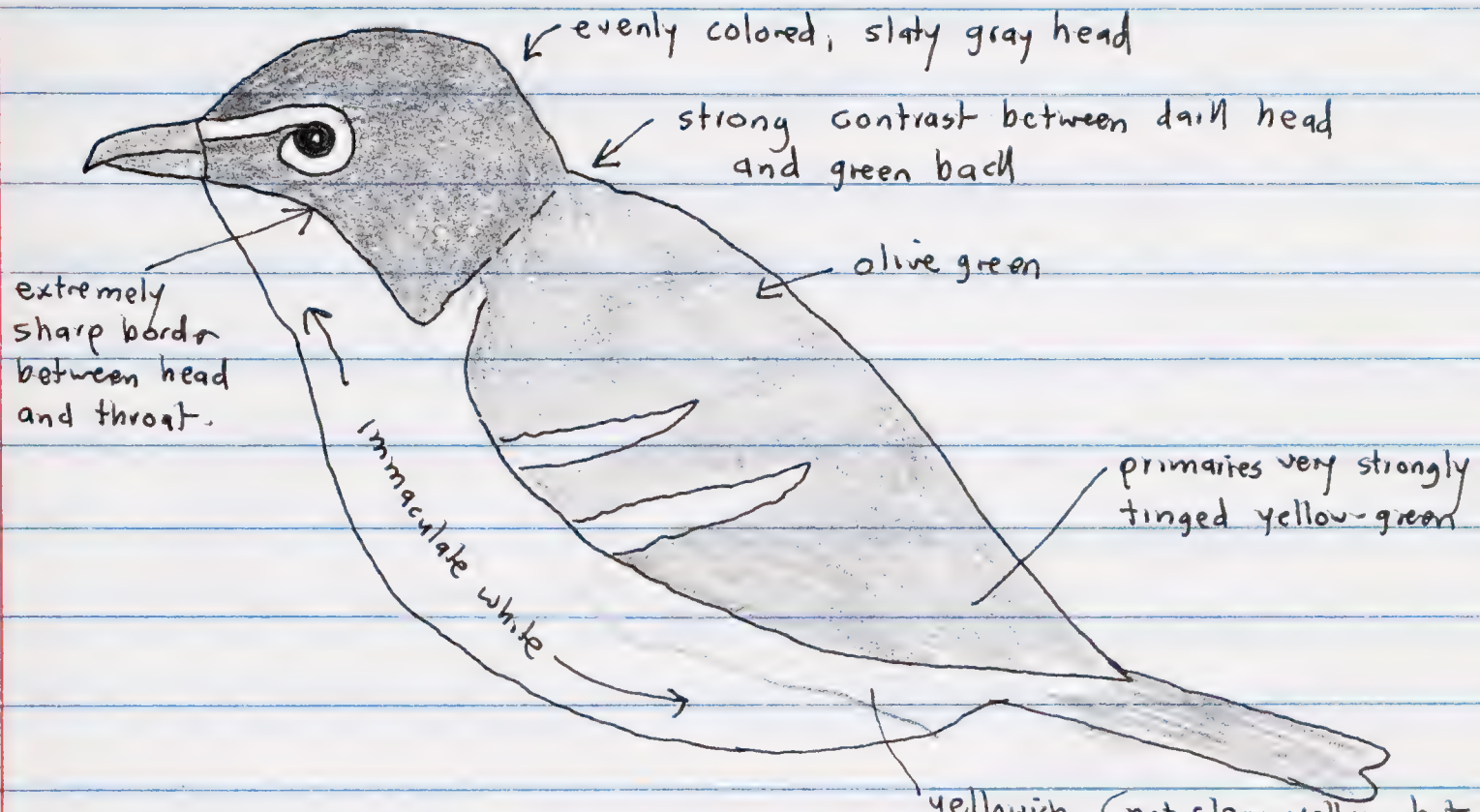
(Blue-headed) Solitary Vireo

Vireo solitarius solitarius

Sept. 12 Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. Calif : 1 in Windover Ranch



Oct. 9 Boulder area, Boulder Co. Colo : 1 - identical to bird above except flanks were olive, only tinged yellow around edges.

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Bell's Vireo

Vireo bellii

Apr. 25 San Diego area, San Diego Co., Calif: 3(s) Mission Dam in riparian woodland - one of the only areas where they still persist in Calif.

May 18 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 1(s) 6200 ft. in oak thickets in pinyon-Juniper woodland in Keystone Canyon, New York Mountains — an incredible location for this riparian species. I heard the song from a distance and was trying to determine what bird sounded so much like a Bell's Vireo, never really considering the possibility at this elevation and habitat that it really could be a Bell's Vireo. As I got closer, I realized that it had to be a Bell's - the explosive, jumbled song, with which I am very familiar, was unmistakable. I got a good look at the bird - very small - size of warbler; thick bill; dark grayish above, whitish below; faint single wingbar; indistinct eye-ring.

June 5 Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 1 singing bird was starting to build a nest in a willow about 4' above the ground at the edge of riparian about 200 yds s. of the pond.

Aug. 20 Mission Dam, San Diego Co., Calif: 1 h.o. (brief s)

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Red-eyed Vireo
Vireo olivaceus

July 3 Cave Creek Canyon, Cochise Co., Arizona: 1 at SW Research Station in walnut-cottonwood riparian — greenish back, very prominent eyeline, white underparts, undertail coverts tinged yellow, large vireo (definitely larger than Warbling), no wingbars. Silent, cap contrasted with back. Eye color could not be ascertained.

July 4 Cave Creek Canyon: 1 (same bird)

Oct. 20 Rocky Ford State Fishing Area, Otero Co. Colo.: 1 - late. This bird had a yellow vent and tinge on flanks which is seldom shown in MV2 specimens - Fall imm?

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Yellow-throated Vireo

Vireo flavifrons

May 7 Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 1 singing briefly just below the pond at Big Morongo refuge in dense willow stand - brilliant yellow throat and breast, sharply cut off from white belly, two conspicuous wingbars, hooked vireonid bill, yellow spectacles — found here previously two days ago. - 6th California record.

May 23 Deep Springs, Inyo Co., Calif: 1 singing in canopy of cottonwoods - song similar to Solitary but slower, shorter. Throat and breast bright yellow, sharply contrasting with white underparts; two conspicuous white wingbars; yellow spectacles; thick, hooked vireonid bill. Watched for 1 minute or so. In addition to observers listed, also seen and studied by Guy McCaskie, Bruce Broadbooks, Don Roberson

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Philadelphia Vireo
Vireo philadelphicus

May 24 Oasis Ranch, Mono Co., Calif.: I watched for ~ 5 minutes 50-75 ft up. in cottonwoods in good light — yellowish wash to throat, breast, and yellowish tinge on undertail coverts; this yellow was not bright, but it was unquestionably yellow; a narrow dark line extended from in front of the eye, through the eye, and behind the eye; the pale eyebrow was not as striking as that of a Warbling Vireo, not as arched over the eye (straighter), and there was less of a pale line below the eye than in Warbling Vireo — these combined to give the whole face a different appearance, particularly due to the less conspicuous eye, from Warbling Vireo; the upperpart color tho was not clearly ascertainable by me but others saw a greenish tinge; silent; no winghars. I looked at 100+ Warbling Vireos this week and not a single bird showed any trace of yellow on throat or breast and only a few showed tinges near flanks. Size, shape, and feeding behavior same as Warbling Vireo.

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Warbling Vireo

Vireo gilvus

July 22 East Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif.: 1 in riparian at Ft. Piute - early fall migrant.

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Black-and-white Warbler
Mniotilta varia

Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 1♀ foraging on cottonwood limbs at a well-wooded farmhouse just. e. of Vendel Rd.

May 7 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif.: 1♀ foraging on trunks of Am. Elms in school yard ~~at~~ Kelso.

May 19 E. Mojave: 1♂ at Ft. Piute. Call note is high, thin, and wheezy.

May 20 E. Mojave: 1♀ at water tank in Kelso.

May 22 Oasis Ranch, Mono Co., California: 1♂

July 4 Cave Creek Canyon, Cochise Co., Arizona: 1♂ in at SW Research Station walnut-cottonwood riparian — seen well as it creeped around tree trunks. Also seen by almost all other observers present.

Sep. 25 Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co., Calif.: 1 ♀ -tree clump on Monument Rd.

Sep. 26 Tijuana River Valley: 1♂ (same bird as Sep. 25)

Oct. 9 Boulder area, Boulder Co., Calif.: 1♀ Ball Bros.

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Tennessee Warbler

Vermivora peregrina

May 22 Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, Inyo Co. Calif : 2 different individuals — one a bright bird with blue-grey head and bright green back; one with much less contrast between head and back. Both birds had strong eyelines and all whitish underparts

May 23 Oasis Ranch, Mono Co. Calif : 1

May 23 Oasis Ranch : 2 different birds, one singing.

May 24 Scotty's Castle : 1

May 26 Oasis Ranch : 1 - probably different bird from May 22-23

July 30 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co. Calif : 1 in cottonwoods and elms around schoolyard. Had all the field marks and gestalt of Tennessee Warbler but I would have to look at skins to rule out (the bird did have a worn appearance) an extremely worn Orange-crowned ?. Basically, this bird looked like a Warbling Vireo plumage-wise — the underparts were a solid grayish-white and the upperparts a uniform greenish-gray; there was a tinge of yellow on throat and upper breast; there was a very strong, well defined eyeline; the crown was gray, contrasting with a more greenish-gray back; the undertail coverts were whitish, and perhaps, with straining, an extremely faint yellowish tinge could be detected, but, just looking at the bird, the entire underparts from the breast to undertail appeared uniform whitish — nevertheless, this tinge on undertail coverts, although I was not convinced that it was even a true coloration and not just shadow, bothered me. The bill was shorter and more pointed and tail shorter than Orange-crowned. No distinctive chip note was heard - only an unhelpful "seep" flight note. If this had been September, I wouldn't have hesitated to call this a Tennessee; however, this may be more than a month earlier than any other fall record for Calif. I watched the bird for 5 minutes at about 75'. Dingy Orange-crowneds I have seen are usually much grayer-breasted, not so whitish.

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Tennessee Warbler

Vermivora peregrina

Aug. 9 Looking at specimens in MVZ, I couldn't find a single Tennessee, even the drabbest bird, which did not have a bright green back. Thus the July 30 bird at Kelso was probably a strange Orange-crowned.

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Orange-crowned Warbler
Vermivora celata

May 13 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 2 vigorously singing males on territory with 2 non-singing birds, perhaps females, at Bathtub Spring in dense shrubbery — Lycium andersoni, Prunus, and Quercus turbinella — this is the closest thing to chaparral that I have seen in this region and has the appearance of appropriate breeding habitat, although nearest known breeders must be 150-200 miles west of here. Most Orange-crowned migrants have already passed, and these birds were singing consistently, even at midday.

May 20 E. Mojave: none seen or heard at Bathtub Spring

July 21 E. Mojave: 1 at Caruthers Cyn at 5640 ft in oak thickets — early migrat.

None at Bathtub Spg.

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Nashville Warbler

Vermivora rufocapilla

Oct. 16 Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co., Colo.: 1 [+ 2 S.L.] - rare in Colo

Oct. 17 Bonny Res, Yuma Co., Colo.: 1

Oct. 18 C.U. Campus, Boulder Co., Colo: 1

Oct. 19 Bonny Res: 1

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Virginia's Warbler

Vermivora virginiae

May 12 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 1♂ in Lycium andersoni wash in Pinyon-Juniper area in upper Wildhorse Canyon. All gray with white eye-ring, striking yellow rump and undertail coverts; frequent tail-wagging (more so than Nashville?).

May 15 Clark Mountain, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 3 singing ♂♂ in White Fir stand. Each bird's song was different from the other's - this species' song would be extremely hard to characterize or recognize - seems very variable.

June 12 Clark Mountain: None seen or heard in white fir area but a singing ♂ was found in a Ribes thicket ~ 1/4-1/2 mi. below white fir patch in pinyon woodland.

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Lucy's Warbler

Vermivora luciae

Apr. 9 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif. : 1 (s) Ft. Piute.

Apr. 11 Cadiz, San Bernardino Co., Calif : 1

E. Mojave : 2 (s) - Prosopis at Hlinefelter

Apr. 6 E. Mojave : 1 Hlinefelter.

Apr. 21 Fort Mohave, Clark Co., Nevada : 4 (s) - mesquite woodland with small cottonwood grove

E. Mojave : 1 Hlinefelter

Apr. 30 E. Mojave : 1 (s) Ft. Piute - singing as if on territory

May 7 E. Mojave : 1 at Caliz

May 26 Mesquite Springs, Death Valley, Inyo Co., Calif : 1 ad. - Unusual locally.

Aug. 29 Indian Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif : 2 - unusual in desert so late.

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Northern Parula

Parula americana

May 24 Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, Inyo Co., Calif. : 1 ♀ - yellow throat and breast; white belly; blue-gray upperparts; two white wingbars; greenish back; partial white eye-ring; dark upper + pale lower mandible; very small; short tail.

May 27 Scottys Castle : 1 ♂ singing

May 29 Oasis Ranch, Mono Co., Calif. : 1 ♂ singing.

Aug. 29 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif. : 1 ad. ♂ in mesquites along stream which flows from the Inn to the Ranch. Very bright male — blue upperparts except for greenish back; two white wing bars; yellow throat and breast crossed by two-toned (dark brown and reddish) band); white belly; small size and short tail; partial white eyering. Watched for ~ 5 min from as close as 10 ft. Very rare in fall in Calif.

Sep. 12 Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co., Calif. : 1 ♀ Myers Ranch and 1 ♀ Wendover Ranch — perhaps same bird?

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Yellow Warbler

Dendroica petechia

Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 very drab bird at Finney Lake — apparently regular in winter in Imperial Valley. This bird was identifiable by call (like a richer Am. Redstart sip), large black eye (looks small in Orange-crowned), and no eyeline.

Feb. 7 Salton Sea: same bird at Finney Lake with 10 ft of spot where seen Jan. 25.

Apr. 21 E. Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif.: 1♂ - Ft. Piute - first arrival.

July 29 E. Mojave: 1 in Lime Gall Cyn - First fall arrival.

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Magnolia Warbler

Dendroica magnolia

May 24 Oasis Ranch, Mono Co., Calif. : 1♂ - black streaks on underparts not very lengthy - perhaps imm. ♂

May 25 Oasis Ranch : 1♂ - (same individual)

May 29 Deep Springs Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif. : 1 ♂

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Cape May Warbler

Dendroica tigrina

Aug. 29 Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, Inyo Co., Calif.: 1♂ watched for 5 min. From as close as 20 ft. Extremely early for this vagrant in Calif - perhaps earliest state record. Underparts bright yellow, becoming whitish near vent; breast with columns of black spots which did not go down as far as belly; underside of tail whitish, outlined in black; rump dull yellow; white wing bars on dark wings; face greenish with yellow from throat vaguely outlining dark cheek; upperparts dull greenish.

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Black-throated Green Warbler

Dendroica virens

Sep.10 Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co., Calif. : 1 ♂ in tree clump on Monument Rd. – green crown and back; two white wingbars; yellow face with incomplete dull greenish cheek patch (not solid dark like Townsend's); blackish throat; smudgy, broken black breast band; white breast, belly and undertail coverts with black spots on flanks; faint smudge of dull yellow in center of breast, and yellowish around vent.

Sep.19 Tijuana River Valley : 1 at Otay Mesa – virtually identical to Sep.10 bird, even in having yellow smudge on center of breast; yellowish band across vent area.

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Yellow-throated Warbler
Dendroica dominica

Sep. 3 Point Reyes, Marin Co., Calif. : 1 at Fish Docks where it had been found by others yesterday. Fantastic looks over a half-hour period from as close as 15 feet, sometimes on or near ground. Upperparts grayish with 2 white wingbars; conspicuous white eyebrow with very faint yellowish tinge above lores visible only at extremely close range (apparently OK for albilora); black facial area with extension below auriculars like Kentucky Warbler; conspicuous white area on neck behind black face; white partial eye-ring; brilliant yellow throat and breast; belly white with some blackish speckling on flanks; bill seemed long for a warbler; I did not see white tail spots which this species is supposed to have but I did not look specifically for them; a rich chip note, deep like Townsend's but with some of the richness of a Yellow Warbler.

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Chestnut-sided Warbler

Dendroica pensylvanica

May 21 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif.: 1 ♂ in full breeding plumage at Nelso: all white underparts except for conspicuous reddish brown streak from cheek to flanks, connected to black line extending down from eye; black line extending in front of and behind eye; brilliant yellow-green crown; back yellowish-green, striped black; two strong white wingbars. In view for nearly 5 minutes in canopy of cottonwoods

Sep. 19 Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co., Calif.: 1 at Windover Ranch. (found here earlier, ~ Sep. 17): throat, breast, and belly white, broad immaculate except for conspicuous chestnut streak on sides and flanks; face dusky with white eye-ring; crown bright yellow-green; back green with darker streaks; two yellow wingbars. Chip note sounded like that of Yellow Warbler, perhaps slightly lower in pitch

Sep. 25 Tijuana River Valley: 2. 1 still present at Windover - same bird. Another imm. at tree clump on Monument Rd — bright green back, yellow-green crown; 2 yellow wingbars; white eye-ring on gray face; immaculate white underparts

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Bay-breasted Warbler
Dendroica castanea

May 30 Tollhouse Spring, Westgward Pass, Inyo Co., Calif. : 1♂. The bird had been seen by 20 beginners in a UC Santa Cruz Field biology class but we could not relocate the bird when we arrived. After ½ hour of searching, I had given up when I saw the bird fly out of the trees and onto the hillside across the road. In flight I could see the striped back, two wingbars, reddish brown crown, dark face, and white in the tail. I saw the bird from a distance as it perched in the bush, and could see the reddish brown throat, sides, and flanks, bordered by buffy white underparts and sides of neck. It then disappeared in the brush. I walked up the hillside and flushed it to another bush where I got a reasonable look at it, confirming all field marks noted above.

Sep. 19 Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co., Calif. : 1 at Wendover Ranch; face, throat, and breast bright greenish-yellow (no streaks); rest of underparts pale with conspicuous chestnut flanks (very strong for fall bird?); upperparts greenish with dark streaks on back; two white wingbars

Sep. 25 Tijuana River Valley : 1 at Myers Ranch – like Blackpoll but no streaks on chest, flanks and undertail coverts buffy (not white).

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Blackpoll Warbler

Dendroica striata

May 20 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif.: 1 ♂ full breeding plumage at water tank at Kelso: solid black crown; white face; bold black malar, fading into black streaks on sides; rest of underparts white; two strong white wingbars. Watched from only 20' away.

Sep. 19 Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co., Calif: 1 (Myer's Ranch)

Sep. 25 Tijuana River Valley: 1 (Myer's Ranch) - diff bird from Sep. 19

Pt. Loma, San Diego Co., Calif: 1 - Rosecroft Gardens

Sep. 26 Tijuana River Valley: 1 (same bird as Sep. 25)

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Palm Warbler

Oendroica palmarum

Jan. 4 Santa Barbara area, Santa Barbara Co., Calif: 1 in willow patch at Andre Clark Bird Refuge where it was wintering

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Ovenbird

Seiurus aurocapillus

May 19 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif. : 1 singing in dense riparian undergrowth at Ft. Piute: "beatter-beatter-beatter-beatter!" — seen walking on limb after flushing up from undergrowth — ~~rows~~ columns of spots radiating out from center of breast; rufous crown; white-eyering; uniform face and upperparts bright brown without any wingbars; underparts white (except for spots).

May 26 Oasis Ranch, Mono Co., Calif : 1 h.o. (s) - seen earlier in day by others and seen by others on May 27.

May 29 Oasis Ranch : 1 (same bird)

Sep. 25 Point Loma, San Diego Co., Calif : 1

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Northern Waterthrush

Seiurus noveboracensis

May 22 Mesquite Springs, Death Valley, Inyo Co., Calif. : 1

May 23 Deep Springs, Inyo Co., Calif : 2

Oasis Ranch, Mono Co., Calif: 1

May 24 Oasis Ranch : 1

Deep Springs : 1

May 31 Deep Springs : 1 (different bird from May 24)

Aug. 29 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif : 2

Stovepipe Wells, Inyo Co., Calif. : 1

Sep. 5 Monterey, Monterey Co., Calif: 1 at Carmel Rivermouth and 1 walking on cypress branches at Pt. Pinos at Crespi Pond.

Sep. 10 Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co., Calif. : 1 - 19th St. ditch

Oct. 3 Tapia Park, Los Angdes Co., Calif. : 1

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Yellow-breasted Chat

Icteria virens

May 23 Lida, Esmeralda Co. Nevada : 1 singing - imitated flicker "Wyew", magpie call, Lazuli Bunting "pink!"

May 30 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co. Calif. : 1 singing - imitated Gila Woodpecker call, Cassin's Kingbird "chubeer!"

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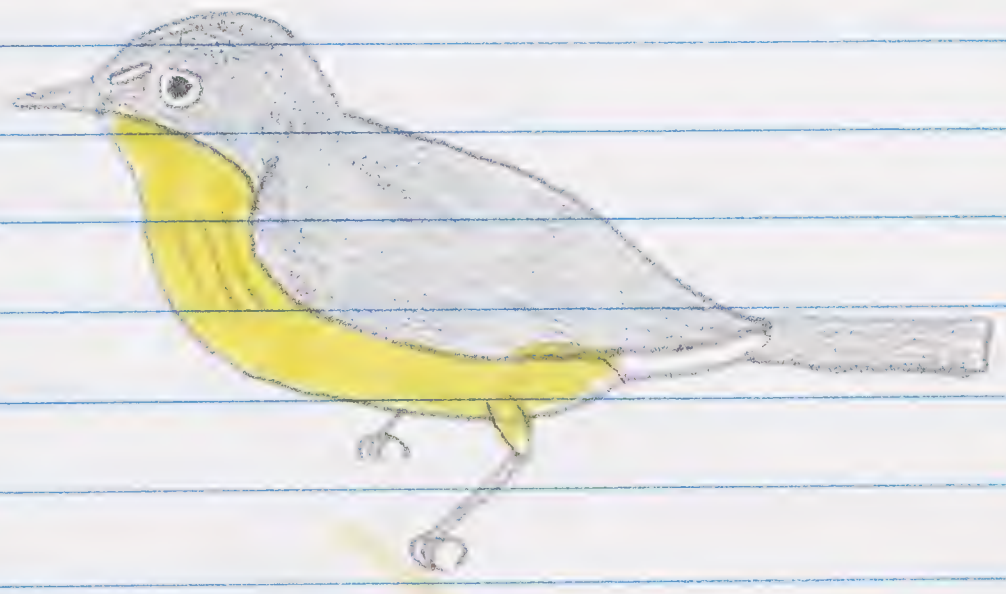
Canada Warbler
Wilsonia canddensis

Sep. 26 Point Loma, San Diego Co. Calif. : 1 ♂ found in shrubbery around restroom at Rosecrans Cemetery. Watched for ~ 10 minutes during two separate sightings from as close as 20 ft., first as it foraged in low shrubbery and even on ground at the edge of the shrubs and second as it preened in a low tree. Upperparts were a uniform gray without any trace of wingbars, streaks, or tail spots; there was a white eye-ring and a pale supra-loral streak which was indistinct and did not connect with eye-ring and was not very conspicuous; the throat, breast, and belly were bright lemon yellow; there were about six dark streaks on the chest, dull and inconspicuous; the undertail coverts were clean white, contrasting with the yellow belly.



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American Redstart

Setophaga ruticilla

Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif. : 2 at Finney Lake (1 ad. ♂, 1 im. ♂) where regular in winter

Feb. 7 Salton Sea : 1 ♀ at Finney Lake - different bird from Jan. 25

May 19 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif : 1♀ at Fort Piute

May 23 Oasis Ranch, Mono Co., Calif. : 1♀

Deep Springs, Inyo Co., Calif : 1♀, 1 im. ♂

May 24 Deep Springs : 2 im. ♂

May 25 Deep Springs : 3 (2 im. ♂, 1♀)

May 27 Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, Inyo Co., Calif : 1♀

May 29 Deep Springs : 1♀

July 3 Cave Creek Canyon, Cochise Co., Arizona : 1♀ at SW Research Station in walnut-cottonwood riparian.

July 4 Cave Creek Canyon : 1♀ - (same bird)

Aug. 7 Tilden Park, Contra Costa Co., Calif : 1 im. ♂ - w. side Jewel Lake

Aug. 29 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif. : 1 ♂

Sep. 25 Point Loma, San Diego Co, Calif : 1 ad. ♂ - Cabrillo Nat. Mon

Oct. 3 Tapia Park, Los Angeles Co., Calif : 1 im. ♂

Oct. 5 Desert Nat. Game Range, Clark Co., Nevada : 1 ♂

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Painted Redstart

Myioborus picta

May 15 Clark Mountain, San Bernardino Co., Calif. : I watched for over 20 minutes at the edge of the cliffs bordering upper slopes of white fir — black upperparts; white partial eye-ring, large white wing patches, conspicuous white outer tail feathers, red breast, etc. After I found this bird, it took over an hour for everyone to finally see it, but apparently all but two people did get to see it.

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Bobolink

Dolichonyx oryzivorus

May 22 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif. : 1♂

May 26 Furnace Creek Ranch : 1♂

May 27 Furnace Creek Ranch : 1♂ (diff. from 5-26 bird)

May 28 Furnace Creek Ranch : 2♂ + 2♀♀

May 29 Furnace Creek Ranch : 1♂

Deep Springs Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif. : 1♂

Aug. 29 Furnace Creek Ranch : 2 ♀

Sep. 25 Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co, Calif. : 2 ♀ - 19th St. Pst.

Sep. 26 Tijuana River Valley : 13 ♀ in alfalfa field — "

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Orchard Oriole

Icterus spurius

Oct. 2 Malibu Lagoon, Los Angeles Co., Calif. : 1 ♂ in lush plantings & around residence on east side of the lagoon. Very small for an oriole, smaller than Western Tanager; short, slender bill; bright yellow underparts to vent, upperparts yellow-green; two white wingbars;

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Hooded Oriole
Icterus cucullatus

Apr. 22 East Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif. : Male gives two calls : (A) an inflected, whistled "sweee?" on various pitches, somewhat like some House Finch calls; (B) a "chep" or "chep-epo", nasal, similar to Brewer's Blackbird call note.

May 14 E. Mojave : 1♂ singing at Ft. Piute incorporated calls of Ceila Woodpecker, Curve-billed Thrasher, and Western Tanager into song

May 16 E. Mojave : 1♂ (S) Cut Spg. incorporated calls of Curve-billed Thrasher

May 19 E. Mojave : 1♀ at Ft. Piute was constructing nest, built completed, 40' up in cottonwood.

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Rusty Blackbird
Euphagus carolinus

Mar. 25 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co. Calif: 1 ♀ feeding on soaking wet lawn at Kelso Railroad station. Very rare in Calif, especially spring — this bird did not winter at Kelso — I must have looked the place over 15 times since Dec. 4. Description: overall size smaller than Brewer's Blackbird — shorter tail and smaller body; bill seemed thinner; iris conspicuously pale; back tinged reddish brown; wings blackish-gray, with two faint rusty-reddish wing-bars; primaries and secondaries faintly edged reddish; crown dark gray; nape, face and underparts gray, paler than wings; tail blackish-gray; slightly paler eyebrow. Silent, even when flushed; did not associate with the two Brewer's Blackbirds in town, which spent most of their time in the cattle pen. Stayed around puddles in lawn. When flushed to other side of town to post office, it foraged around large puddles in the street. I studied a ♀ Brewer's at Kelso and 20+ females 30 min. later at Baker, and all had dark irises, gray backs, thicker bills, longer tails, and darker breasts. The field guides show the ♀ Rusty as darker breasted than Brewer's, but this bird was paler — perhaps not in full breeding plumage. Assuming that this bird is a spring migrant northward bound, it shows that a vagrant can winter successfully and initiate spring migration. This bird appeared at the same time as many other migrants appeared at Kelso.

Mar. 26 E. Mojave: 1 same spot. Called twice - similar to Brewer's Blackbird but less nasal and lower-pitched. A female Brewer's alighted briefly next to it and the larger size and longer tail were very evident.

Apr. 27 E. Mojave: 1 ♀ at Kelso. First noticed on lawn with flock of cowbirds and Yellow-headed Blackbirds. Then they flew to the cowpen across the road where I studied the bird for 30 minutes and may

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Rusty Blackbird

Euphagus carolinus

Apr. 27 (cont) have gotten some pictures showing eye color and bill shape. The bird was first noticed because of its conspicuous pale iris. It was not much bigger than a cowbird — definitely smaller than ♀ Brewer's, with which it was compared directly. The underparts were gray with none of the brownishness on throat and breast or blackish tinge to belly shown by many ♀ Brewer's. The upperparts were brownish black. This bird did not have the rusty tinged back as did the Mar. 25 bird — no trace of winter plumage; No eyestripe; the primaries and wing coverts were faintly edged with rusty buff, but not much more than some Brewers. The tail was shorter and narrower - not the slightly fanned appearance of Brewer's. The bill was noticeably longer and thinner than Brewers with which it was directly compared. The call note was distinctly different — basically identical to the deep "chuck" given by Red-winged Blackbird — not the nasal "chaynt" of Brewer's — both calls were heard at the same time for excellent comparison: The Rusty did not associate with the flock of 5 Brewers which also were feeding in the same compen; although they were seen picking at the same areas while feeding, when the birds flew, the Rusty always stayed by itself. This must be the latest record for California and may be late for this latitude anywhere in US.

Apr. 28 E. Mojave: Andy Sanders and I studied the same bird again today in direct comparison with ♀ Brewers, which looked bulkier; shorter, thicker-billed; puffier breasted and throated; bronzier, blackish bellied. The iris of one of the ♀ Brewers was actually a dull pale yellow, but this could be seen only at close range, in contrast to the gleaming white eye of the Rusty which could be seen 100+ ft. away.

♀ Rusty Blackbird 28 Apr. 1970 Kelso

♀ Rusty Blackbird 28 Apr. 1970 Kelso
with Brown-headed Cowbird (foreground) and
♀ Brewer's Blackbird (upper right)

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Great-tailed Grackle

Quiscalus mexicanus

Apr. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 Finney Lake - rare in Imperial Valley.

Jan. 9 Needles, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 2♀ - northern limit of range.

Oct. 6 Tule Springs, Clark Co., Nevada: 7 - recently expanded into Las Vegas area

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Western Tanager

Piranga ludoviciana

Feb. 8 San Diego area, San Diego Co., Calif: 4 ♀♀ Balboa Park – wintering

July 20 East Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif.: 1 ♂ - Castle Peaks in Juniper woodland - early fall migrant

July 21 E. Mojave: 3 ♂♂ Bathtub Spg, 1 ♂ Caruthers

July 22 E. Mojave: 6 ♂, 1 ♀, 5 u Ft. Piute

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Scarlet Tanager
Piranga olivacea

June 23 South Coast Botanical Garden, Palos Verdes, Los Angeles Co. Calif: 1 ad. ♂ seen well twice for a total of about 3 minutes in fruiting trees along the stream — brilliant red plumage with dull black wings, tail, and lores; some pale flecking on flanks, but otherwise the scarlet was solid and glowing!; bill was dusky, not whitish. The bird was found here on June 21 or earlier.

Oct. 19 Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. Colo.: 1 ♀ in orchard-cottonwood grove at west entrance studied for 5 minutes at 40 ft. as it foraged in fruit trees 10 ft. above ground. The wings were solid blackish, without any trace of winghars, contrasting greatly with the greens and yellows of the rest of the plumage; the upperparts were a dull, dusky, olive-green, duskiest on head; the underparts were a dull, dusky sulphury yellow — not nearly as yellow-green as western Tanager; the yellow was brightest on the undertail coverts and palest on belly; the call note was a loud, rich "tsuck!", very different from calls of the other three Pirangas in N. America, but closest to Hepatic Tanager.

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Hepatic Tanager

Piranga flava

June 5 Arrastre Creek, San Bernardino Co. Calif. : 1♂ + 1♀ in cluster of 2 large and 2 small Ponderosa Pines ~ 200 yds downstream from Rd. 2N02. The male fed the female once and remained in the vicinity for 10 mins. but did not reappear again in the next hour. The female remained in or near the pine cluster for 1½ hrs. but did not appear to have a nest; neither bird was seen to carry food or nest material. The calk note is a soft, rich "tsuck"; the female also made various "vree" and "vweeo" notes similar to those of Western Tanager. The orange-tinged yellow throat and crown separated by dusky face is a good field mark for the female.

June 12 Clark Mountain, San Bernardino Co. Calif : 1♂ + 1♀ in white fir area. Male was singing frequently from before dawn to 0630.

July 29 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co. Calif. : 2 (♂ ad + ♀) associating together in pinyon-juniper-oak woodland in Live Oak Cyn at 5600 ft. near mouth of canyon. . May have bred nearby but could also be migrants, Another bird was heard calling in upper Live Oak Canyon at 6080 ft., miles from the other two.

Aug. 28 Clark Mountain : 1♀ - White Firs

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Summer Tanager

Piranga rubra

May 7 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 1♂ breeding plumage at north end of town in Kelso — very rare in Mojave Desert.

May 17 E. Mojave: 1 ad. ♂ at north end of town in Kelso.

May 23 Deep Springs, Inyo Co., Calif.: 1 ♂.

May 31 Deep Springs: 1 ♀

May 28 Fish Lake Valley, Esmeralda Co., Nevada: 1♀ at Hanson Ranch — orange-buff tone to yellowish underparts, no wingbars, larger bill than Western Tanager.

June 5 Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 1♂, 1 ♀

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Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Pheucticus ludovicianus

May 23 Deep Springs, Inyo Co., Calif. : 1♂

May 24 Deep Springs : 1♂

Lida, Esmeralda Co., Nevada : 1♂

May 25 Oasis Ranch, Mono Co., Calif : 1♂ + 2♂♂ seen by others

May 27 Deep Springs : 1♂

May 28 Deep Springs : 1♂

May 29 Deep Springs : 1♂

May 30 Deep Springs : 1♂

May 31 Deep Springs : 1♂

May 29 Oasis Ranch : 1♂

Sep. 25 Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. Calif : 1♂ - solid red chest, pure white rump, but back brown, head brown with buffy eyebrow

Sep. 26 Pt. Loma : 1 ♀ Pheucticus was at Cabrillo Nat. Mon. which gave the thinner, higher-pitched, squeakier, less emphatic call note of ludovicianus and had white head stripes and prominent chest-streaking; however the chest was buffy-brown like melanocephalus - possibly a hybrid or variant ludovicianus.

Oct. 4 Lake Tami, San Bernardino Co., Calif. : 1♂ - plumage identical to that of the Sep. 25 Pt. Loma bird

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Indigo Bunting

Passerina cyanea

May 13 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co., Calif.: 1 imm. ♂ (some brown feathers on head and back, trace of white between legs) accompanying ♀ Lazuli Bunting at Bathtub Spring, 5880 ft, in Pinto Valley, in densely vegetated Lycium - Prunus - Quercus wash.

May 14 E. Mojave: 1 ♀ at Ft. Piute - dull brown chest with faint streaks.

May 25 Oasis Ranch, Mono Co., Calif.: 1♂ (imm)

May 26 Mesquite Springs, Death Valley, Inyo Co., Calif: 1 ad. ♂

May 27 Deep Springs Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif: 1 ad. ♂

May 28 Fish Lake Valley, Esmeralda Co., Nevada: 1♀

June 5 Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 2 ♂♂, both singing and apparently on territory

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Dickcissel

Spiza americana

Sep. 10 Tijuana River Valley, San Diego Co. Calif: 2 - 19th st. ditch

Sep. 12 Tijuana River Valley: 1 - same place

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Evening Grosbeak

Hesperiphona vespertina

Jan. 7 Eastern Mohave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif. 5 (3♂, 2♀) in small deciduous trees in backyard at Mountain Pass.

Mar. 6 Honey Lake, Lassen Co., Calif: 75 - mostly in orchards in Janesville

Mar. 7 Honey Lake: 20- Janesville

May 13 E. Mojave Desert: 1♀ seen and later netted and, banded, and photographed at Bathtub Spring, 5800 ft., in Pinto Valley.

May 22 Furnace Creek Ranch, Death Valley, Inyo Co., Calif.: 2

May 23 Deep Springs, Inyo Co., Calif: 2

May 24 Deep Springs: 1

May 25 Oasis Ranch, Mono Co., Calif.: 1

May 26 Furnace Creek Ranch: 1

Oasis Ranch: 1

May 27 Deep Springs: 1

May 29 Deep Springs: 1

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Cassin's Finch

Carpodacus cassinii

Mar. 21 Cuyamaca Mtns, San Diego Co., Calif: 15 seen near Rancho Cuyamaca St. Park in Ponderosa Pines - very few records for San Diego Co. The call notes are sweet and usually doubled, resembling a note from an Empidonax song; the single note sounds very similar to House Finch flight call. The song is much more varied than Purple Finch. Streaked undertail coverts can be seen on females feeding on ground as well as those perched above in trees; obscurely streaked undertail coverts could be seen on some males.

Mar. 24 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif.: 1♂ in Granite Mtns at a grove of Quercus chrysolepis in Pinyon-Juniper habitat at 4920'.

Apr. 28 E. Mojave: 1♂ on ridges above Live Oak Cyn., New York Mtns, at 7000' in Pinyon-Quercus woodland.

May 23-31 Deep Springs Ranch, Inyo Co. Calif: 10-15 present

May 30 Tollhouse Spring, Westguard Pass, Inyo Co. Calif: 5

June 12 Clark Mountain, San Bernardino Co., Calif: 2♂♂ in white fir area

Oct. 20 Two Buttes Reservoir, Prowers Co. Colo.: 1♂ feeding in junipes above the canyon - very unusual this far east on plains → Call note was a three-noted, soft, rich call, different from Purple Finch calls; red was brightest on crown, which contrasted greatly with the brownish nape and back (heavily striped) which had almost no visible red; underparts were rosy-red but paler and less striking than that of crown; belly mostly whitish; blurry streaks on undertail coverts; culmen straight - bill longer than the more parrot-shaped bill of Purple Finch.

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Purple Finch

Carpodacus purpureus

Oct. 18 Boulder Creek, Boulder Co. Colo.: 2 ♂ watched for 5 minutes feeding in tops of willows 60 ft. up. First detected by their hollow, faint "pic" flight notes (never given by Cassin's Finch). The cheek patch was very distinct and much darker than shown by Cassin's; the bill was short and had a very curved culmen (straight in Cassin's); the breast streaks were thicker and darker than those of Cassin's; the undertail coverts showed absolutely no trace of streaks — this was very obvious from below on both birds (Cassin's is streaked); the birds overall coloration seemed browner and darker than Cassin's.

Oct. 24 Boulder Creek, Boulder Co. Colo: 1 ♂ — probably same bird as on Oct. 18?

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American Goldfinch

Spinus tristis

Feb. 19 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif : 2 at Kelso. May have wintered since the spot they were at had not been checked previously.

Mar. 5 Needles, San Bernadino Co. Calif : 15

Mar. 24 E. Mojave : 1 ♀ at Kelso.

Apr. 11 E. Mojave : 1 at Kelso.

Apr. 14 E. Mojave : 1♂ at Kelso

Apr. 15 E. Mojave : 1 Kelso

May 7 E. Mojave : 1♂ Kelso

Oct. 5 Mesquite Springs, Inyo Co. Calif. : 1

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Lesser Goldfinch

Spinus psaltria

Jan. 24 Brock Research Center, Imperial Co., Calif. : a ♂ singing incorporated call notes of following species into its song: Common Flicker, Western Wood Pewee, Rock Wren, House Sparrow, House Finch. Other goldfinches nearby.

Mar. 10 Univ. of Calif., Riverside Co., Calif : 1 (s) - imitated Am. Robin alarm note, Rock Wren, and Killdeer.

Mar. 20 San Diego area, San Diego Co., Calif : 1 ♂ (s) - not in full breeding plumage — in song imitated: Rock Wren call, Am. Robin call, Am. Kestrel call, Common Flicker call, Am. Goldfinch flight notes, House Finch call, House Sparrow call, Pine Siskin flight call.

Apr. 8 East Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif - 1 (s) : imitated Flicker, Killdeer, Lawrence's Goldfinch "tink-oo", Am. Goldfinch flight call, Pine Siskin flight call, Robin flush note, Plain Titmouse call, W. Wood Pewee call.

Apr. 13 Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co., Calif. : 1 (s): imitated Lawrence's Goldfinch perch call; Rock Wren call; White-breasted Nuthatch call; W. Bluebird call; Am. Kestrel call

Apr. 21 E. Mojave: Calls imitated by 5 separate males at Ft. Piute (1): Ladder-backed Woodpecker trill; W. Wood Pewee; Lawrence's Goldfinch. (2) W. Bluebird; Rock Wren; white-br. Nuthatch; Am. Kestrel; W. Flycatcher "sweep"; Hairy Woodpecker rattle; Lawrence's Goldfinch; House Sparrow. (3): Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; Robin; W. Wood Pewee; White-br. Nuthatch; W. Bluebird (4) calls Robin; Rufous-crowned Sparrow; Plain Titmouse; Am. Kestrel; Com. Flicker; Lawrence's Goldfinch; Pine Siskin; Hairy Woodpecker call; Ash-thr. Flycatcher; Plain Titmouse song; W. Bluebird; Rock Wren; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; White-br. Nuthatch; House Finch calls; Solitary Vireo song note; (5) Com. Flicker; House Sparrow; Audubon's Warbler call; Rock Wren; Robin; Am. Kestrel. A female here was carrying nest material.

Apr. 22 E. Mojave: Calls imitated by ♂ at Ft. Piute (different bird from yesterday's birds): Pine Siskin, Plain Titmouse, Lawrence's Goldfinch,

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Lesser Goldfinch

Spinus psaltria

(cont)
Apr. 22 House Finch, House Sparrow, Am. Kestrel, Am. Robin, Audubon's Warbler, Violet-green Swallow, Black Phoebe, Am. Goldfinch, White-breasted Nuthatch. The following species were imitated by a singing bird in female plumage (imm. ♂ ?): Am. Goldfinch, W. Bluebird, Robin, Rock Wren, Kestrel, Com. Flicker, Pine Siskin, Lawrence's Goldfinch, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, House Finch, Killdeer.

May 29 Scotty's Castle, Death Valley, Inyo Co. Calif: 1 ♂ (s) imitated Phainopepla "poyp", Verdin four-note song, Rock Wren, Am. Kestrel, House Finch, House Sparrow, Am. Robin, Pine Siskin

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Lawrence's Goldfinch

Spinus lawrencei

Apr. 8 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co. Calif: 1♂ Helso

Apr. 9 E. Mojave: 1 pr. Ft. Piute

Apr. 11 E. Mojave: 1♂ Dripping Spg.

Apr. 13 Morongo Valley, San Bernardino Co. Calif: 1 (s) + imitated: House Finch song segment; Rufous-sided Towhee song; Black Phoebe call; Pine Siskin flight call; Audubon's Warbler call; Hermit Thrush call; House Sparrow call; Plain Titmouse call; Lesser Goldfinch call; Bullock's Oriole call; Rufous-crowned Sparrow call. 1 (s) imitated: House Sparrow call; Black Phoebe call; House Finch song segment; Violet-green Swallow call; Audubon's Warbler call; Pine Siskin flight call. 1 (s) imitated: House Finch song segment; Lesser Goldfinch call; Violet-green Swallow call; Rufous-crowned Sparrow call; House Finch call; Am. Kestrel call; Plain Titmouse call.

May 28 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co. Calif.: 1♂ - first local record. Extremely unusual this far north east of Sierras. Also seen by G. McCaskie

July 30 E. Mojave: 1 in Carruthers Cyn at 5800 ft - very early fall migrant - rare at any time in this region.

Aug. 5 Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo Co. Calif.: 2

Sep. 24 Rubidoux Nature Center, Riverside Co. Calif: 1

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Rufous-sided Towhee

Pipilo erythropthalmus

Feb. 7 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 Finney Lake - unusual at Salton Sea.

Feb. 19 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co. Calif: 14 on north side of Granite Mtns. above Cottonwood Spg on brushy pinyon-juniper slopes. These are the only ones I've found so far — apparently restricted in winter to this more mesic (than most places), brushy slope.

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Green-tailed Towhee

Chlorurg chlorurg

Jan. 7 Eastern Mohave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif.: 1 in scrub oak thickets in Sagamore Canyon in the canyon floor at the old buildings — prolonged towhee "seeeeeet", red crown, whistler marks, pale throat, size of large Zonotrichia, uniform olive brown plumage. Extremely rare anywhere in California in winter, and especially unexpected here at 5600' (although the spot looked good for breeding habitat).

Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 - tall brush bordering a field

Apr. 21 E. Mojave: 1 at Ft. Piute in riparian - first arrival.

Sep. 26 Pt. Loma, San Diego Co., Calif: 1 at Cabrillo - rare on coast

Sep. 24 Rubidoux Nature Center, Riverside Co., Calif: 1

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Lark Bunting

Calamospiza melanocorys

Aug. 28 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co. Calif. 1 ♀-plumage - watched for 15 min as it foraged on ground in grass at edge of weedy ditch. Very conspicuous, sharply outlined white crescent on wing from shoulder through secondaires, visible while bird is perched; underparts whitish with sharply defined streaks on breast; dull cheek patch; browner crown with some feathers erect giving bushy-crested appearance; back striped, upperparts grayish brown; round wings and tail in flight.

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Savannah Sparrow

Passerculus sandwichensis

Feb. 19 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co. Calif : 1 in desert wash (wet) at 4320' in Cottonwood Wash. Looked weakened. Doubtfully would have wintered here, and weakened appearance suggests a migrant, but this is a very early date.

Mar. 3 Baker, San Bernadino Co. Calif. : 1 at Baker pond was probably an early migrant

May 30 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co. Calif : 1 - extremely late migrant.

Oct. 20 Nee Reservoirs, Routt Co. Colo.: 20 - Nee Noshe Res - large number for so late.

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Sharp-tailed Sparrow
Ammospiza caudacuta

May 26 Oasis Ranch, Mono Co. Calif. : 1 in short grass in wet meadow bordered by low willow scrub where it had been found earlier in the day by Craig Hohenberger. The bird was rather tame and we had fantastic views: solid brown crown without any stripes; grayish triangular cheek patch bordered above by orange-buff eyestripe and below by orange-buff neck and throat which merged with bright orange-buff breast; belly white; back dark brown with four conspicuous longitudinal whitish stripes; size of Grasshopper Sparrow; short-tailed. Watched for 5 minutes. Gone May 27

May 27 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co. Calif.: 1 in cattails bordering small pond at NW corner of golf course – found here earlier by others. Seen extremely well for several minutes – looked identical to Oasis bird

May 28 Furnace Creek Ranch: 1 (same bird). This and the Oasis bird are the first documented records inland in Calif.

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Vesper Sparrow

Pooecetes gramineus

Mar. 17 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif.: 3 on roadside nr. Bannock

Mar. 26 E. Mojave: 1 on lawn at Helso

Oct. 19 Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co., Colo.: 1 - late

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Baird's Sparrow

Ammodramus bairdii

Feb. 28 San Rafael Valley, Santa Cruz Co., Ariz: about 5 found in open grassland. Ted Parker has been studying the grassland sparrows of the area and had several birds pinpointed — their favorite micro-habitat was large patches of a tall, reddish grass (Andropogon) which Ted said they used for cover from which to forage out into the grassland. We flushed birds several times before we were able to get a good look at one on the ground. We had great views at very close range of two birds on two separate occasions, from as close as 10 ft. The bird is very nondescript; the picture in Robbins Birds of North America is OK except that the back was darker and had four whitish streaks somewhat like those of Sharp-tailed Sparrow rather than evenly striped as in the picture. The short streaks forming a bib across the chest were seen beautifully when the bird faced us; as was the buffy-orange median crown stripe. In flight the bird flies straight and evenly, very similar to manner of Savannah Sparrow, and then drops suddenly into the grass; it runs along through the grass, and was never seen to perch on the grass. Earlier in the day, we had found a bird or two near Elgin and had watched one drop into the grass, walked slowly and cautiously to the very spot and been unable to find the bird — it had apparently run away through the grass and over the hill. Peterson's (1961) picture is very misleading — the head is not high and pointed but low and flat; the tail is shorter than shown; the face and crown have a slightly more orange tinge; and the breast is not strongly buffy but white

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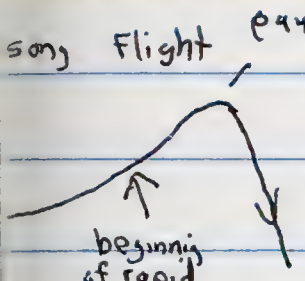
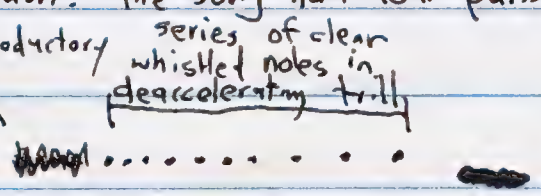
Cassin's Sparrow
Aimophila cassinii

May 9 El Cajon, San Diego Co., Calif.: 1 vigorously singing bird in a patch of early successional stage chaparral with tall grass on a hilltop with scattered houses. The bird had been located and tape-recorded the previous day by local residents. We arrived at 0610 and the bird was singing as soon as we got out of the car. The song was given from a concealed perch a few feet up in a bush as well as an occasional "skylarking" song flight, in which the bird flew diagonally upward fluttering its wings rapidly, holding its head upwards, and erecting feathers on its lower back (exposing a pale area), almost stopping and then descends to a concealed perch in a bush. The song had four parts:





The bird also occasionally gave a buzzy song, which seemed to be an imitation of a Rufous-crowned Sparrow song, as an introduction to the true song. Its call notes were a persistent, high-pitched chipping. It responded well to my whistled imitation of its song, affording a fantastic view at 10 ft: Description: a small sparrow, smaller than Zonotrichia or Melospiza; size of Spizella, but chunkier; face was a uniform pale grayish with a faint, diffuse, narrow paler eye-ring; iris dark; bill pale, lower mandible paler than upper; underparts grayish, palest on chin; crown with indistinct pale median stripe which disappeared by about the top of the head bordered by poorly defined brownish, broad stripes; ~~the~~ each stripe appeared to have darker fine streaks within the ~~s~~tripe; the upperparts were more of a brownish gray; there was pale area on the leading edge of the wing; the tail showed distinct whitish corners in flight. This bird was chased persistently by a Brown Towhee on two separate occasions and briefly by a Lark Sparrow. The bird was studied for 45 minutes. First mainland record for California. The bird stayed

Others present: Guy McCaskie, Cliff Lyons, Phil Unitt, John Butler, Bob and Liz Copper, Mike Evans, Jim Kennicott, Bruce Broadbooks, Glenda Hightower.

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Cassin's Sparrow

Aimophila cassinii

May 9 (cont) within an area ~ 100 ft. radius the entire time, singing at least 3-4 times every 2 minutes or so.

Pictures of this species in field guides are very innaccurate — the best illustration McCaskie and I examined was a color plate by R.M. Mengel in Birds of Colorado (1965) - this was the only plate showing the unmarked, blank face, the white on the corners of the tail, the median stripe, and the correct back pattern (brownish feathers edged with pale gray). One of the worst was Singer's plate in Robbins et al Birds of North America which showed a strong eyeline and cheek patch, strong malar, and no median stripe - all common errors in other illustrations. Second best goes to RT Peterson's plate in F.G. to W. Birds (1961).

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Botteri's Sparrow

Aimophila botterii

July 4 Nogales Airport, Santa Cruz Co., Arizona : 1 singing bird and two non-singers in grass-mesquite around the edge of the airport. The song has some gurgling introductory notes, followed by an accelerating trill very similar to that given by Black-chinned Sparrow, and a single note at the end. They differed in plumage from the Cassin's Sparrow studied in detail in San Diego on 9 May 1976 in the following ways: no white tail corners; more of a face pattern - a definite eyestripe, faint cheek patch, and faint malar in contrast to the uniform, blank, gray face of Cassin's; wings rustier; back browner; vent and belly tinged buffy (grayish-white in Cassin's).

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Rufous-crowned Sparrow

Aimophila ruficeps

May 18 East Mojave Desert, San Bernardino Co. Calif.: 1 h.o. singing in Keystone Canyon several times but could not be seen. Typical, jumbled House Wren-like song was heard from a rocky slope with scattered Pinyon and Juniper and lots of small bushes and interspersed bunch grass. Scrub Oak and Live Oak thickets are nearby. Record should be disregarded until confirmed by sight. Undoubtedly the race which is in northern Arizona rather than the California race.

July 28 E. Mojave: 1 singing in Live Oak Canyon on the other side of the canyon where the May 18 bird was heard. Sang 25+ times in an hour and seemed to be territorial, singing from Pinyon-Juniper-shrub-bunch grass rocky slope above and to the south of the Copper Queen Mine. Also gave the very distinctive "dear-dear-dear-dear" call notes.

July 29 E. Mojave: same bird singing until at least 1000 on same ridge. Seen beautifully while singing from low dead branches in pinyon and while foraging on ground — solid rufous crown without stripes, black malar, whitish chin, rich brown back and tail, dusky gray-brown breast, smaller than Zonotrichia but heftier than Spizella; much smaller than Green-tailed Towhee, much browner above (not olive-green), no contrasting white throat.

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Sage Sparrow

Feeding Data E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest ___ in ft.

Date	Elev	Loc	ground	Rock	Grass	Bush	Creosote	Catclaw	Sage	ground yucca	tree yucca	Joshua Tree	cholla	Juniper	Pinyon	o.m
3 Dec		Hole-n-Wall	0		.5	1				4			3			
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	3400	nr. Cottonwood	0	100+	.5	3	5	2	x	100+	100+	x	2	x	x	
			0	100+	.5	3	5	1	x	100+	100+	x	3	x	x	
			0	x	1	.5	4	3	x	x	x	x	2	x	x	
10 Dec	4920	Live Oak Cyn	0	100	.5	.5	—	—	—	.5	—	8	1	100	500	—
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			0	100	.5	.5	—	—	—	2	—	6	.5	200	500	—
			0	100	.5	.5	—	—	—	4	—	5	2	200	500	—
			0	150	.5	.5	—	—	—	2	—	5	.5	200	500	—
			0	150	.5	.5	—	—	—	1	—	3	3	200	500	—
11 Dec	2940	nr. Blind Hills	0	5	.5	5	2	—	.5	25	30	—	—	—	—	—
			0	7	.5	4	.5	—	2	25	30	—	—	—	—	—
			0	4	.5	1	.5	—	6	25	30	—	—	—	—	—
16 Dec.	1000	nr. Baker	0	—	.5	1	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			0	—	.5	1	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	2300	nr. Kelso	0	10	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	3760	Hidden Hills Rd	0	500	1	.5	2	100	—	6	1	—	22	—	—	—
			0	500	.5	.5	1	100	—	.5	9	—	15	—	—	—
17 Dec		Hole-in-wall	0	200	.5	3	—	150	—	3	100	—	—	—	—	—
18 Dec.	4800	Mid Hills	0	.5	.5	1	—	—	—	8	4	15	6	20	170	—
	3000	nr. Kelso	0	—	.5	1	1	—	—	20	5	—	6	—	—	—
			0	—	.5	1	2	—	—	30	7	—	15	—	—	—
6 Jan	4480	Cima	0	—	.5	.5	—	—	—	1	—	3	4	—	—	—
			0	—	.5	.5	—	—	—	7	—	4	4	—	—	—
	5200	Watson Wash	0	—	1	1	—	—	—	20	—	150	8	60	150	—
14 Jan	1880	Pintle Wash	0	—	1	.5	5	15	—	—	300	—	—	—	—	—
			0	—	10	.5	3	7	—	—	400	—	—	—	—	—
			0	—	3	.5	10	10	—	—	500	—	—	—	—	—
			0	—	1	.5	15	5	—	—	500	—	—	—	—	—
15 Jan			0	—	.5	.5	8	2	—	—	500	—	—	—	—	—
20 Jan	1840		0	—	.5	5	20	5	—	—	300	—	—	—	—	—
22 Jan	4480	Cima	0	—	1	.5	—	—	—	2	60	5	15	—	—	—
~~29 Jan 3 Feb~~	~~1840~~	~~Pintle Wash~~	0	—	.5	.5	—	—	—	1	—	3	.5	—	—	—
			0	—	.5	.5	—	—	—	3	—	4	1	—	—	—
3 Feb	1880	Pintle Wash	0	—	10	1	5	5	—	—	300	—	—	—	—	—
			0	—	2	.5	10	20	—	—	500	—	—	—	—	—
			0	—	2	1	12	15	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—

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Sage Sparrow

Amphispiza belli

Jan. 21 Eastern Mohave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif: this species is the most abundant and widespread bird in the desert in all habitats up to 5000' or so. This bird seems to be somewhat mesmerized by water - I have watched numerous birds just sitting in shallow stream at Ft. Piute and Marl Spring, occasionally drinking, but mostly just sitting still, slightly fluffed; at Ft. Piute, there are two spots in the stream where Sage Sparrows can always be found at any time of day and flock size indicates they are the same flocks; they seem to spend all of their time next to the stream. This contrasts to Black-throated Sparrows at Ft. Piute which make trips to the stream, drink for 5 min. or so, and then leave. There are numerous other differences between these two congeners — (a) Sage Sparrows run along the ground with tails cocked upwards, sometimes over the back, much in the manner of a LeConte's Thrasher; they often seem to prefer running to flying to move away from an observer; BTS seldom if ever runs but hops like other sparrows (b) SS frequently wags its tail; BTS seldom does this (c) although call notes are very similar (both have basically a high-pitched tinkle, softer and higher than Junco), the BTS notes are slightly sweeter and more musical and more apt to be run on in a rapid series - (d) SS is slightly larger and noticeably longer-tailed (e) BTS found mainly near rocky slopes, not flat areas; BTS is much more restricted in habitat preferen

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Black-throated Sparrow
Feeding Data – E. Mojave Desert
Distance to nearest — in ft.

Date	Elev	Loc	ground	rock	grass	bush	creosote	catclaw	sage	gr yuc	tr yuc	Josh tree	cholla	Junip	Pinyon	oak
4 Dec	3400	nr. Cottonwood	0	x	1	2	4	.5	x	x		x	3	x	x	—
			0	x	.5	1	3	x	x	4		x	20	x	x	—
10 Dec.	4920	Live Oak Spg.	0	100	1	.5	—	—	—	1	—	7	.5	200	500	—
			0	100	.5	1	—	—	—	1	—	20	1	200	500	—
			0	100	.5	.5	—	—	—	2	—	6	.5	200	500	—
			0	100	.5	.5	—	—	—	1	—	8	.5	200	500	—
16 Dec.	3640	nr. Mail Mtns	0	1	.5	.5	2	—	—	20	100	25	—	—	—	—
			0	15	1	1	10	—	—	1	1	30	—	—	—	—
			0	15	.5	.5	11	—	—	1	1	30	—	—	—	—
			0	15	.5	.5	12	—	—	2	2	30	—	—	—	—
			0	2	.5	.5	2	—	—	10	12	40	—	—	—	—
18 Dec	4800	Mid Hills	0	.5	.5	1	—	—	—	8	4	15	6	20	170	—
27 Jan	4440	Cima	0	—	1	.5	—	—	—	7	40	8	.5	—	—	—
19 Feb	4200	Cottonwood W	0	.5	.5	.5	—	100	—	500	2	—	.5	500	500	500
			0	2	.5	.5	—		—		1	—	1			
			0	1	.5	.5	—		—		4	—	3			
			0	2	.5	.5	—		—		2	—	4			
			0	1	1	.5	—	15	—		50	—	2			
31 Dec.	2880	Ft. Pink	0	3	.5	.5	10	40	—	—	10	—	15	—	—	—
			0	1	.5	2	20	30	—	—	15	—	10	—	—	—
			0	2	1	2	15	50	—	—	20	—	2	—	—	—
			0	5	.5	.5	20	50	—	—	3	—	1	—	—	—
27 Jan	3920	Mail Spg	0	3	1	2	30	40	—	—	5	—	2	—	—	—
			0	1	.5	4	50	50	—	—	7	—	5	—	—	—
			0	10	.5	2	50	50	—	—	2	—	25	—	—	—
13 Apr.	4200	Wild Horse Cyn	0	500	.5	.5	—	25	—	—	1	—	5	—	—	—
			0			1	—	.5	—	—	3	—	6	—	—	—
			0			1	—	1	—	—	4	—	3	—	—	—
14 Apr	5120	Cima Dome	0	8		.5	—	—	—	8	—	10	3	—	—	—
			0	4		.5	—	—	—	8	—	5	2	—	—	—
			0	150		.5	—	—	—	100	.	10	25	—	—	—
15 Apr	2080	Kelso	0	20		1	5	—	—	—	—	—	75	—	—	—
27 Apr		Cima Dome	0	—	.5	.5	—	—	—	~~20~~	~~20~~	5	15	—	—	—
			.5	—	.5	0	—	—	—	20	—	10	20	—	—	—
			.5	—	.5	0	—	—	—	25	—	15	10	—	—	—
			.5	—	.5	0	—		—	20	—	10	15	—	—	
			0	—	.5	.5	—	—	—	30	—	5	10	—	—	
	4000	Shadow Ville	0	—	.5	1	2	—	—	—	—	15	35	—	—	—

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Brewer's Sparrow

Feeding Data

E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest — in ft

Date	elev	Loc	GRound	Rock	Ann	Bush	LATR	ACTR	Saseb	Yuba	YUSC	YUBR	OP	Jun	Pinyon
14 Apr.	5120	Cima Dome	.5	150	1	0	—	—	—	100	—	9	20	—	—
27 Apr			.5	—	.5	0	—	—	—	20	—	3	10	—	—
			.5	—	.5	0	—	—	—	20	—	15	15	—	
			.5	—	.5	0	—	—	—	20	—	15	25	—	—
			.5	—	.5	0	—	—	—	15	—	10	20	—	

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Oregon Junco
Feeding Data
E. Mojave Desert

Distance to nearest ___ in feet

Date	elev	loc	ground	rock	grass	bush	creosote	cactus	sage	gr yuc	tr yuc	Josh	Jun	Piny	Oak	cholla
10 Dec	5800	4th July Cyn	0	.5	.5	1	–	–	75	10	–	–	4	8	.5	–
			0	1	.5	2	–	–	75	10	–	–	3	7	1	–
			0	.5	.5	3	–	–	75	8	–	–	3	4	2	–
22 Jan	5560	Midhills	0	300		3	–	–	1	10	–	–	4	2	–	20
1	1	1	0	1		3	–	–	.5	8	–	–	6	3	–	20
28 Jan	5480	Butcher Mtg	0	3		1	–	–	406	8	–	–	1	4	–	500
18 Feb	5560	Midhills	.5	500	.5	4	–	–	0	1	–	–	7	4	–	20
1	1	1	0	1	.5	1	–	–	12	6	–	–	5	2	–	30
19 Feb	4400	Granite	0	10	.5	.5	–	–	–	1	30	–	30	75	200	1
			0	2	.5	.5	–	–	–	1	25	–	25	75	200	5
			0	1	.5	1	–	–	–	5	25	–	25	75	200	5
			0	.5	.5	1	–	–	–	7	25	–	25	75	200	3

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(Pink-sided) Dark-eyed Junco

Junco hyemalis mearnsi (type)

Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 in yard in N. Island — black lores; extensive, broad pink sides; light gray body plumage; slightly reddish back.

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Gray-headed Junco

Junco caniceps

Jan. 24 Colo. River, Imperial Co., Calif.: 1 below Imperial Dam in water district residences - black lores, bright red back, pearly gray sides and upperparts.

"Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 Finney Lake

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Brewer's Sparrow
Spizella breweri

Jan. 21 Eastern Mohave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif.: 1 Ft. Piute with flock of Amphispizas — very far north for wintering bird and the first I've seen in the E. Mohave this winter.

Mar. 17 E. Mojave: 1 nr. Homer and 3 nr. Bannock — wintering birds or migrants? The bird on Jan. 21 was the only bird I had seen previously, but I hadn't really searched this Homer-Bannock area previously.

Mar. 18 E. Mojave: 4 in Lanfair Valley at 4080' were almost certainly spring migrants.

Sep. 25 Point Loma, San Diego Co., Calif.: 1 at Rosecrans Cemetery — rare on coast.

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Harris' Sparrow

Zonotrichia querula

Mar. 7 Honey Lake, Lassen Co., Calif.: 1 at Honey Lake WLA - east parking lot.

Oct. 16 Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. Colo.: 3 - First arrivals.

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White-throated Sparrow
Zonotrichia albicollis

Jan. 18 Sonoita Creek Refuse, Santa Cruz Co., Ariz: 1

Feb. 28 Sonoita Creek: 7 (!) - a pure flock of 7 birds was seen together in a dense thicket with no other sparrows. This is the first time I've ever seen 2 together, much less a flock (!) in the West.

Apr. 1 Monterey area, Monterey Co., Calif: 1 ad. singing nr. Hwy 1 bridge over Carmel River. This bird incorporated some Golden-crowned sparrow-like notes into its song.

Oct. 16 Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co., Colo.: 2

Oct. 17 Bonny Res., Yuma Co., Colo.: 3

Oct. 18 Bonny Res: 3

Oct. 19 Bonny Res: 3

Arikaree River, Yuma Co. Colo.: 1

Oct. 20 Two Buttes Res., Baca Co., Colo.: 7

Rocky Ford State Fishing Area, Otero Co., Colo.: 6

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White-crowned Sparrow

Zonotrichia leucophrys

Jan. 6 Eastern Mohave Desert, San Bernadino Co. Calif.: 1 ad. just below Caruthers Cyn. in Juniper-Pinyon-cholla-Barberry association at 5600' — extremely high elevation for this species at this time of year, which is rare in winter anywhere in the area and the previous altitude record was 3920'

Jan. 27 E. Mojave Desert: 1 ad. with junco flock in scrub oak at Bathtub Spring at ft.

Sep. 19 Pt. Loma, San Diego Co. Calif: 1 - Rosecrans Cemetry - First Fall arrival

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Golden-crowned Sparrow

Zonotrichia atricapilla

Jan. 24 Colo. River, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 imm. with White-crowneds at Laguna Dam — rare away from coastal areas in S. Calif.

Feb. 7 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 2 imm. at Calipatria.

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Fox Sparrow

Passerella iliaca

Oct. 10 Barr Lake, Adams Co. Colo. : 1 - bright rusty bird - obviously an Eastern race.

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Lincoln's Sparrow

Melospiza lincolnii

Feb. 2 Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernadino Co., Calif: 1 at Sacramento Spring - unexpected here, a desert oasis with only a tiny bit of water, in winter

Feb. 11 Yuha Desert, Imperial Co., Calif: 1 in Pinto Canyon in desert shrubs - 500 yds from permanent water - strange habitat for this species

Feb. 19 E. Mojave: 1 at Kelso - may have wintered since the spot at which it was found had not been previously checked

Mar. 5 E. Mojave: 5 at Ft. Piute were migrants - not recorded previously in 7 trips

Mar. 3 Baker, San Bernadino Co., Calif: 1 around Baker pond was probably a migrant

Mar. 16 E. Mojave: 4 at Ft. Piute

May 18 E. Mojave: 1 watched at a spring in Live Oak Canyon at 6200 ft. in New York Mtns — extremely late.

Sep. 17 Harbor Lake, Los Angeles Co., Calif: 1 - first fall arrival

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Swamp Sparrow

Melospiza georgiana

Jan. 4 Santa Barbara area, Santa Barbara Co., Calif: 1 ad. in Devereaux gardens in Goleta where it had been for weeks.

Mar. 14 Furnace Creek Ranch, Inyo Co., Calif.: 1 heard (Black Phoebe call from cattails) several times but only glimpsed.

Oct. 5 Furnace Creek Ranch: 1 im. at same spot as on Mar. 14 – ~~sant~~ north pond on golf course. This was an imm with 2 pairs of three faint, short streaks on either side of breast; call note like Black Phoebe; much red in primaries; underparts dull gray brown, mostly unmarked; fairly strong cheek patch; short tail.

1 mile S. of Springdale, Nye Co., Nevada: 1 in cattail patch on E side of road – detected by Black Phoebe-like call – probably an adult – no streaks on underparts, wings even redder than Furnace Creek bird, stronger cheek patch.

Oct. 20 Two Buttes Reservoir, Baca + Prowers Cos., Colo.: 3

Oct. 19 Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co., Colo.: 3

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McCown's Longspur

Rhynchophanes mccowni

Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif.: 2 (♂ + ♀) in dirt field with sprouting crops, Horned Larks, and 8 Lapland Longspurs. This was the first time I'd heard both Lapland and this species together and was not able to hear a difference in the rattle call. These birds were found by spotting the large amount of white in the tail - the inverted "T" tail pattern was seen beautifully on one bird as it landed and fanned the tail. The male was seen well - very grayish breast and rusty shoulder plus the following marks pointed out to me by Guy McCaskie - pale (instead of dark) bill, broader superciliary (than Chestnut-collared), and silvery appearance of the underwings in flight. The field was on Unit 1 of Salton Sea NWR

Oct. 15 Pawnee Natl. Grasslands, Weld Co., Colo. : 30. Besides a typical rattle, the other call given regularly is a single clear, high, whistled note : "chee"

Oct. 16 Jumbo Res., Sedgwick Co., Colo. : 2 on sparsely vegetated shore of the reservoir with Horned Larks.

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Lapland Longspur

Calcarius lapponicus

Jan. 25 Salton Sea, Imperial Co., Calif: 5 in one field on Unit 1 of Salton Sea NWR, and 3 more along highway e. of Westmoreland.

Feb. 7 Salton Sea: 4 in field nw. of Westmorland, including 1 ♀ and 3 ♂♂ which were becoming black on breasts, but still had pale faces; napes bright reddish.

Mar. 7 Honey Lake, Lassen Co., Calif.: 15 in dirt field one field to SW of south parking lot.

Oct. 16 Red Lion Wildlife Area, Logan Co., Colo.: 2 - first arrivals

Jumbo Res., Logan Co., Colo.: 8 - "

Oct. 28 Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas Co., Colo.: 8 - rare W. of Denver

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Chestnut-collared Longspur

Calcarius ornatus

Mar. 6 Honey Lake, Lassen Co., Calif. : 2 heard overhead in fields at Honey Lake WLA s. of south parking lot.

Oct. 6 Desert Nat. Game Range, Clark Co., Nevada : 2 (calling -low, rich note unlike other longspurs &, lots of white in tail) - few records for Nevada.

Oct. 10 Barr Lake, Adams Co., Colo. : 1 - first record for State park boundaries.

Oct. 28 Chatfield Reservoir, Douglas Co., Colo : 1- rare W. of Denver ; late ; by soft, low call.

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Spotted Skunk

Spilogale putorius

Apr. 3 Hastings Reservation, Carmel Valley, Monterey Co., Calif: 1 was seen in a small grassy meadow at 0030 hrs about half-way between the highway and houses. The animal was very tame and curious, closely approaching the car as if to investigate. The small size, probably ½ that of Mephitis, plus ~~the~~ harlequin pattern of black and white was clearly noted by myself and Kimball Garrott.

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